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Kremlin will set political prisoners free

Kohl says all will be out by end of year

- The Soviet Union is to release all those regarded by the West as political prisoners, *Chancellor Kohl said*
- Speaking after his Moscow summit with President Gorbachov, he said they would be free by the end of the year
- Herr Kohl also gave Bonn's backing to an international human rights conference *to be held in Moscow in 1991*
- Whitehall said the Kremlin's undertaking vindicated the West's firm line on human rights in the Soviet Union

By Our Foreign Staff

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany has been told that Moscow will release all captives whom the West regards as political prisoners by the end of the year.

He has also given Bonn's backing to an international human rights conference in Moscow during 1991, so withdrawing the West Germans' long-standing opposition to the scheme.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, later denied that there was any link between the Kremlin's decision to release its political prisoners, and Bonn's support for the human rights conference, which is planned in the framework of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Chancellor Kohl revealed the releases after his first summit with President Gorbachov, which both sides have described as a "turning point" in relations. "The ice has broken," Herr Kohl said, quoting the Soviet leader.

Moscow's undertaking to release all political prisoners was welcomed in London and Washington. Whitehall sources said that, if fully carried out, it would represent a vindication of the firm line that the West has taken on human rights in the Soviet Union.

Mr Charles Redman, for the US State Department, said that America looked forward to the actual release of the prisoners. The Soviet pledge, he said, was welcome evidence that the Kremlin leadership recognized the importance of releasing all political prisoners — "something that we, and our Western allies, have long pressed for".

Voicing a general concern, however, Mr Redman said that he did not know how many political prisoners there were. He emphasized that definitions of the term "political prisoners" could become an issue and warned that the Western view might not coincide with the Soviet one.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, told a press conference in Moscow that the number of political prisoners in the Soviet Union was "insignificant — let's say a dozen or two".

On October 10, the head of the ministry's humanitarian affairs department, Mr Aleksei Glukhov, said that there were "a dozen" Soviet citizens who had been convicted of "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda" under Article 70 of the penal code, and of "anti-Soviet slander" (Article 190-1).

Both articles are expected to be repealed under a forthcoming penal reform. More than 150 political prisoners were released in February last year under an amnesty.

British-based human rights groups suggest that the exact number of political prisoners is between 200 and 300. Amnesty International said it had files on some 150 people imprisoned for political, religious and moral beliefs pursued without recourse to violence, and there were a further 20 people detained in psychiatric hospitals for anti-state activity. Keston College, which monitors religious repression in communist countries believes that around 65 people are still incarcerated on religious grounds.

Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet human rights campaigner, said on Tuesday after breakfasting with Herr Kohl that "the number changes all the time".

Observers predict, however, that Moscow will honour its pledge to release all prisoners of conscience, but that the Kremlin would never admit publicly that the figure was 10 times higher than its official number. Western European countries, including Britain, France and the US, have objected to Moscow hosting the human rights meeting in 1991, after Paris and Copenhagen, because of insufficient human rights guarantees in the Soviet Union.

But the French dropped their objections during Mr

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Stockholm (AP) — Sweden has begun rejecting applications for asylum from Soviet citizens, saying they no longer qualify as political refugees in view of Mr Gorbachov's reform programme. In the past, the Swedish authorities routinely granted Soviet defectors the right to asylum. But Mr Mikael Broman, an Immigration Board official, said the policy was reassessed in the spring.

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Gift from the Queen to Oxford

By Douglas Broom
Education Reporter

The Campaign for Oxford, the biggest fund raising initiative mounted by a British university, was launched yesterday with a "very generous" donation from the Queen.

Buckingham Palace and the university refused to say how much the Queen had given to the appeal, intended to raise £220 million in five years, but Dr Henry Drucker, the campaign director, said: "We are very grateful to the Queen for giving a lead to her subjects."

Sir Patrick Neill, Oxford's Vice Chancellor, said £220 million would "safeguard the independence of Oxford and ensure that it maintains and enhances its position as a university of world renown". He said £51 million had been raised so far ... **Picture, page 3**

Hurd accused over Sinn Fein

Confusion surrounded the Government's broadcasting ban on Sinn Fein last night in spite of attempts by Mr Douglas Hurd, *Home Secretary*, to clarify its precise remit.

Television and radio chiefs remain worried and Unionist politicians accused Mr Hurd of giving in to pressure from broadcasters and providing Sinn Fein with an opportunity to appear legitimate.

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Law results

The Law Society Final Examination results for summer 1988 will be published tomorrow. *The Times* will be available at Victoria Station tonight from 9.30pm onwards.

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Maude to introduce curbs on loan sharks

By Maria Scott

The Government plans to dismantle the system which requires credit brokers to be licensed, as part of reforms *designed, according to the* Department of Trade and Industry, to crack down on loan sharks.

Under the regime outlined in a consultative document issued yesterday by Mr Francis Maude, Minister for Corporate Affairs, it is suggested that while lenders will need licences, the brokers who in many cases arrange the loans and advertise aggressively, will not.

At present brokers offering *loans up to £15,000*, often advertised as "round-up" loans to pay off credit cards but which are set against property as security, require a licence under the Consumer Credit Act.

But Mr Maude argued that the policing system would be improved because he would

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Charity re-run for the Chariots race

Steve Cram and Sebastian Coe were put on their marks yesterday by Great Ormond Street Hospital patient Carrie Wenham, aged eight, above, before a re-run of the race round the Great Court of Trinity College, Cambridge from the film *Chariots of Fire*.

On Saturday the two runners will have 47 seconds to sprint round the 395-yard quadrangle while the college clock strikes 12, as Harold Abrahams (played by Ben Cross) and Lord Lindsey (Nigel Havers) did in the Oscar-winning film (top).

In reality, the feat has been done once, by Lord Burghley, in 1927.

The run will aid the hospital's Wishing Well appeal (Photograph: Marc Aspland).

Moore acts on benefits after leaked letter row

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

Mr John Moore will today launch his counter-attack in the controversy over child benefit against the background of embarrassing new disclosures about the way the Government has sought to control the £50 billion social security budget.

The Secretary of State for Social Security, who faces an angry reception when he confirms to the Commons that child benefit is to be frozen at £7.25 for the second year running, has nevertheless assembled a benefits deal with the Treasury which ministers and whips hope will be acceptable to the most Conservative MPs.

He will today announce a package of increased family support targeted on the most needy.

But Mr Moore's position was made even more difficult *last night as the Labour Party* gleefully published a leaked letter from him to Mr John Major, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, showing that some benefit claimants will not be fully reimbursed for the 20 per cent of the community charge that they will have to pay when the new local finance system is introduced.

After the fourth serious leak of government papers this year, the Government was branded by Labour a "bunch of cheats."

Meanwhile the customary leak inquiry was set in motion. All the rest have apparently proved fruitless.

Mr Moore's letter to Mr Major referred to a letter from the Chief Secretary dated September 12, earlier in the public spending discussions.

In it Mr Moore urges Mr Major to accept his figures for compensating social security claimants for the poll tax.

The Government has said that claimants will have to pay 20 per cent of the charge but they will be compensated by a social security uprating of 20 per cent of the national average community charge.

Clearly, claimants living in high spending areas will not be fully reimbursed — a point the Government has not sought to hide as it has argued that they have the remedy of voting out extravagant councils.

But, according to Mr Moore, the Prime Minister has given a pledge to protect the "average liability of those on income support", a point later questioned by government sources.

Because claimants tend to be clustered in high spending areas, that would require rebates 7 to 8 per cent higher than those indicated by the crude national average.

However, Mr Moore adds, he is not bidding for this extra money, confining himself to warning Mr Major that the sums being sought (£1.05 and £1.30 for single people under and over the age of 25 respectively and £2.10 for couples) are the minimum he can defend in the Commons.

Mr Robin Cook, Labour's health spokesman, to whom the letter was personally leaked, said: "In this letter John Moore admits he is not seeking an increase in social security which will fully compensate claimants for the added burden of the poll tax. He makes that point quite explicitly by stating he is bidding for less than the department estimates.

"He points out that the

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ON SATURDAY IN COLOUR

- On Saturday *The Times* will appear in five sections, with full colour in each.

Out of the ashes

- It came a few days after the installation of *the Bishop of Durham*; some called it the wrath of God. Certainly, the fire that swept York Minster on July 9, 1984 took a terrible toll, razing the South Transept and wrecking the Rose Window.
- On Saturday *The Times* salutes the craftsmen who have completed the greatest restoration challenge in Britain this century.

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MPs to quiz BAe and Rover heads

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

MPs on the all-party Commons trade and industry committee agreed unanimously yesterday to recall Mr Graham Day, the Rover Group chair*man*, and *Professor Roland* Smith, the British Aerospace chairman, because they believe the two men may have misled them over the consequences of the companies merging.

They want to know why Mr Day told them during a private session last May that Rover had no plans to close any plants. A week after the BAe takeover was completed in July, Mr Day announced the closure of plants at Cowley South and Llanelli, with the loss of 3,400 jobs.

Some MPs on the committee suspect that Rover may have sent it a "laundered" copy of its highly confidential corporate plan and they intend to confront Mr Day with this charge. They also want to know exactly what plans BAe has for Rover, particularly in view of the enormous capital value of some of Rover's assets.

Next year, BAe could raise up to £150 million from the sale of its 40 per cent stake in the Anglo-Dutch truck maker DAF, a windfall equal to the purchase price paid by BAe for Britain's last volume car maker.

BAe is also the subject of serious "asset-stripping" allegations concerning another of *its recent purchases from the* Government, Royal Ordnance.

Mr Day and Professor Smith have been ordered to appear before the committee next Wednesday, and the MPs have decided that the entire session will be public.

Last night Rover declined to comment.

15 killed in Israeli air raids

By Our Foreign Staff

Israel launched two air raids into Lebanon yesterday, and Israeli-backed guerrillas went into action in an apparently co-ordinated move.

The Palestinians reported 15 people dead and 40 wounded in an Israeli raid on the Mieh Mieh refugee camp on the edge of Sidon, and in a later attack near Beirut.

In their deepest penetration in three years, about 200 militiamen from the South Lebanon Army, backed by tanks, attacked an area held by Palestinians and Muslim guerrillas of the Sunni Muslim Popular Liberation Army.

The raid on Mieh Mieh killed four guerrillas and a family of seven, according to a Palestinian official. The attack appeared to be in retaliation for an attempt by seven Palestinian guerrillas to infiltrate northern Israel on Monday. **Full story, page 11**

Cambridge dons dither over 'sexist language'

By Nicholas Wood
and Andrew Morgan

Cambridge dons start voting today on a controversial proposal to eliminate "sexist language" from the university's historic rulebook.

The move, backed by the Council of the Senate and student organizations, is opposed by conservative academics who argue that the university is in danger of wasting more than £10,000 in pursuit of passing fashion.

Flysheets setting out the conflicting arguments have been circulated with dons putting their names to one side or the other.

Professor Marilyn Butler, the King Edward's Professor of English, and Professor Wynne Godley, Professor of Applied Economics, are among 92 academics calling for an end to the use of the male-only pronoun to denote members of both sexes.

It would mean the insertion of "he or she" and "himself or herself" in the existing rulebook.

The vote will be taken today and tomorrow among the dons and researchers making up Regent House. If the proposal is carried the university's 1,152-page *Statutes and Ordinances* will have to be rewritten.

Its main body dates from 1926 when it was set out by the commissioners and approved by the King. About 2,900 dons are eligible but only about 500 are expected to vote.

Professor Godley said: "It is not always easy for women coming to Cambridge as teachers to come into the community and be treated equally. This would be an indication of an attitude in a fundamentally conservative institution and it is particularly important."

Dr Sheila Lawlor, the deputy director of the Centre for Policy Studies and a former Cambridge research fellow in modern history, said: "Why should the English language and the traditional language of statutes be debased in order to appease the hysterical followers of contemporary fashions, whose interests are not in the serious business of academic scholarship but in modern trends?"

The flysheet signed by Professor Butler and Professor Godley supports the Council of the Senate, by a majority vote, that "under modern conditions it is no longer appropriate to use words of the masculine gender to denote members of both sexes".

They say the use of the masculine pronoun to cover members of both sexes "reflects the way that language has been used to support a particular political, economic and social structure — that of patriarchy."

Dr Lawlor said talk of "patriarchy" was merely echoing "feminist claptrap" more commonly associated with left wing political activists.

Supporters of the non-sexist approach have accused their opponents of exaggerating the cost of the changeover, pointing out that the Senate in its report estimated the bill would be £9,000 over three years.

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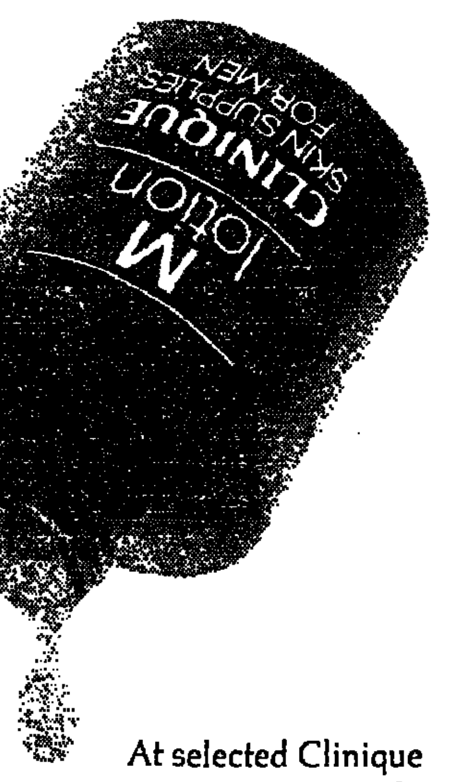

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Head bans play over 'gay' role

A play in which one character is a homosexual has been banned by the headmaster of a mixed comprehensive school.

Mr David McGregor, of the Broadlands Secondary School, Keynsham, near Bristol, fears that the play, *Trapped In Time*, would contravene Section 28 of the Local Government Act which bans the promotion of homosexuality in books and plays on local authority property.

In a letter to the Avon Touring Company of Bristol, which wrote and performs the play, Mr McGregor, who has not seen the work, said: "The scene was described to me in such a way that I felt some of our third year pupils and their parents may interpret this as contravening Section 28." Miss Cathy Stuart, for the company, said: "There is nothing in the play which is remotely offensive".

● The Irish Republic is breaking the European Convention on Human Rights by maintaining legislation making homosexual activity a criminal offence, the European Court of Human Rights ruled yesterday.

Drive against fraud

The Ministry of Defence is considering the introduction of a confidential "hot-line" for informants to help to curb fraud and corruption among defence equipment contractors. It disclosed yesterday that it intends specifically to discuss the merits of such a "hot-line" with the American Department of Defence, which has found the system to be valuable and cost-effective. The disclosure came in a formal government reply to the Commons Public Accounts Committee, which published a report last July.

Freighter trial delay

The captain of the Italian freighter that collided with a Greek cruise ship carrying 486 British schoolchildren and teachers was yesterday granted a six-day delay to prepare his defence for an investigating magistrate's hearing in Piraeus, Greece. The hearing was set for next Tuesday. Captain Flavio Caminale, aged 45, from Genoa, Italy, made the request during a 30-minute hearing, saying there were problems with translating statements.

Irish honours list

An honours list modelled on the French Légion d'Honneur may be introduced in the Irish Republic. One of the first expected to receive the award is Jack Charlton, the English manager of the Irish national soccer team. Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish deputy prime minister, said an honours list was under serious consideration. He told MPs yesterday that if the proposal was approved, the Irish President would make the selection for awards.

King jury stays out

The jury considering the case against three alleged Irish terrorists accused of plotting to murder Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, spent last night at a secret address because it was unable to reach a verdict after deliberating for seven hours. John McCann, aged 25, Martina Shanahan, aged 23, and Finbarr Cullen, aged 28, have denied conspiring to murder Mr King and other people between May 1 and August 31 last year.

More Alpha bodies

A further 21 bodies were recovered from the accommodation module of the Piper Alpha platform, police said yesterday. The latest phase of the search brings the total number of bodies found so far in the upturned structure to 51, of which eight have been identified. Another 60 men are still unaccounted for since the North Sea disaster almost four months ago in which 167 men died.

Labour acts on unions

Labour leaders took the first steps towards reducing the influence of trade unions in party decisions last night (Philip Webster writes).

The national executive supported plans to extend the use of one-member-one-vote ballots, making them mandatory in all future leadership elections.

By a vote of 21 to five, the organizational committee of the party was instructed to produce firm proposals on extending internal democracy by January next year.

The NEC also decided to set up a committee to examine ways of changing the proportion of voting at Labour conferences, reducing the block votes that trade unions currently enjoy.

Confusion over Hurd's 'guide' to Sinn Fein ban

By Richard Evans, Richard Ford and Jamie Dettmer

Confusion and anger continued to surround the Government's broadcasting ban on Sinn Fein last night after the attempt by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, to clarify its precise remit.

While television and radio chiefs, especially in Northern Ireland, remain worried and uncertain about how they will be affected in key areas of reporting, Unionist politicians accused Mr Hurd of giving in to pressure from broadcasters and providing Sinn Fein with an opportunity to appear legitimate.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority, which reissued guidelines on Tuesday to independent television companies and commerical radio stations after receiving an explanatory letter from the Home Office, is to be asked by radio and television stations to go back to the Home Office for clarification.

Mr David Sloane, head of news at Belfast's independent radio station, Downtown, said that the Government was getting into a "bigger and bigger mess every time they issue new guidelines". The authority said last night: "We have had requests for further clarification. The most difficult area involves Sinn Fein councillors and when they are speaking about things which can be safely broadcast."

In his announcement to the House of Commons last week, Mr Hurd gave MPs the impression that all statements by representatives of Sinn Fein, the Ulster Defence Association and nine other paramilitary organizations would be banned along with statements from people supporting or inviting support for them.

He said he had issued the BBC and IBA with a notice "requiring them to refrain from broadcasting direct statements by representatives of organizations proscribed in Northern Ireland and Great Britain and by representatives of Sinn Fein, republican Sinn Fein and the Ulster Defence Association".

The exceptions, he told MPs, would be broadcasting the proceedings of Parliament and they would have a limited effect during elections.

But within minutes of his statement, officials from his department said reports of Sinn Fein press conferences could be broadcast as "voice overs". They would be able to report a Sinn Fein rally at which supporters had shouted "Up, up, up the IRA" or an oration by Mr Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein MP for West Belfast, in which he defended the "armed struggle" of the Provisional IRA.

Officials added that it would be possible for direct statements to be broadcast by a member of Sinn Fein talking about his hobby such as birdwatching but said there would be "grey areas" when it involved a Sinn Fein councillor talking about a purely local issue such as an adventure playground.

Now the Home Office has added to the confusion among broadcasters by saying it will be possible to broadcast direct statements by Sinn Fein councillors discussing the problems of, for example, a local swimming pool.

Yet the order issued by the Home Secretary to the BBC and IBA states that they refrain from broadcasting any matter where the person speaking the words represents or purports to represent an organization specified in paragraph two or the order. Among those specified in the paragraph is Sinn Fein. Producers and editors in Northern Ireland are operating virtually a total ban on Sinn Fein members appearing on their programmes in spite of the Home Office saying that a blanket ban is not necessary.

Broadcasters in Northern Ireland do not understand how they present such councillors — who are well known in the province — as speaking in a "personal capacity".

One senior BBC executive said: "If this went through the courts the judges would have no idea what the Government was talking about."

Northern Ireland MPs are also perplexed by the ban. Most understood that it would apply to the 59 Sinn Fein councillors in the province. Unionist politicians are angry at the thought of Sinn Fein councillors being allowed to appear on television in any guise.

Mr Ken Maginnis, Unionist MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, said: "What Mr Hurd is saying is that he will now allow those people who advocate violence to go on television and radio to talk about reasonable issues so that they can appear to be reasonable politicians".

He added: "Mr Hurd is providing them with a window of opportunity that will permit them to appear legitimate".

Mr Seamus Mallon, the SDLP MP for Newry and Armagh, also criticized the Government for the confusion. He believes the ban, which he and his party opposed, is becoming increasingly threadbare. "Foolishness has been replaced by utter stupidity", he said.

Since the ban was announced last week by Mr Hurd the broadcasting companies in Northern Ireland have avoided transmitting any interviews with members of proscribed organizations, whether the members are councillors or not.

They have also been cautious about using pictures of members of proscribed organizations with voice-overs of their speech by journalists.

Mr Hurd's clarification has emphasized that the combination of pictures and voice-overs is acceptable but broadcasters still do not understand how that lets them off the hook on the promotion issue.

The ban has caused a particularly sharp problem for BBC Radio Foyle in Londonderry, where there are five Sinn Fein councillors and where the population is two thirds Catholic.

TUC joins in rally action over GCHQ

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

The TUC General Council yesterday agreed details for 20 marches and rallies in leading cities throughout England and Wales on November 7.

Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, said: "The TUC, which has received world-wide messages of support for the GCHQ workers, has made every effort to ensure the success of our day of action. We hope that ordinary people throughout Britain will join our rallies to register their voice of protest at the Government's actions."

The trade union movement has come under increasing pressure to step up its campaign of action against the Government's decision to dismiss or transfer the last 18 remaining trade unionists at the General Communication Headquarters.

The pressure is from the unlikely source of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, expelled from the TUC and derided by the left as a "bosses' union".

Mr Peter Jones, secretary of the Council of Civil Servants, yesterday said that in light of the electricians' decision to ballot its 43,000 members in the electrical supply industry on a one-day strike he would "warmly welcome" a similar decision from other unions representing industrial Civil Servants.

Leaders of Britain's 90,000 industrial Civil Servants are planning to meet later this week to review their strategy to defend the GCHQ trade unionists.

The move by the EEPTU is an illustration of how Mr Eric Hammond, the union's general secretary, has stolen the thunder on the GCHQ issue.

Mr Hammond yesterday accused both the Government and the TUC of standing together and denying the individual the right to join the union of his choice.

"How could we fight for the individual's right to join the union of his choice and be expelled from the TUC because we would not accept their dictation and then accept the Government's GCHQ ban on trade union membership? We reject them both because we must follow our own star."

Mr Hammond made it clear that he has always resisted the use of industrial action for political purposes but argued that his union's action was not about political objectives but in protecting fundamental human rights, which took many years of sacrifice to achieve.

He said he would not allow the Government to go unchallenged to treat trade union members as enemies.

"A vote by our power workers to stop work — by workers who have never struck for themselves, would be a further political blow to the Government who advocate strike ballots. From our independent and I believe morally correct position I urge it to think again."

The signs of a winner

Peter Carey, who won the Booker Prize with his novel *Oscar and Lucinda*, autographing copies of the work at Dillon's bookshop in London yesterday (Photograph: Alan Weller)

Bradford critics take legal action

By Ronald Faux

Opponents of Bradford City Council's plans to cut spending and shed jobs will be taking legal action against the council, Mr Philip Beeley, leader of the city's Labour opposition, said last night.

He said a group of individuals directly affected by the cuts would be seeking an injunction on the council for a judicial review of proceedings this week whereby a package of cuts was passed on the casting vote of Mr Smith Midgley, the mayor.

"This legal action is not by the Labour Party but by people who will be savagely affected if these Tory measures happen", he said. He understood a hearing would be held in London tomorrow or on Friday. He said the role of the Labour Party had been to highlight the "irregular and disgraceful role" the mayor had played by wielding his casting vote.

The Conservatives won control of Bradford last month after a by-election resulted in a council of 45 Labour members, 43 Conservatives and two SLD representatives. To angry opposition, a package saving £5.8 million immediately and axing 2,500 council posts over the next five years was passed on Monday.

Paying for education will close status gap

By Sam Kiley

The division in status between universities and polytechnics will steadily decline if students have to pay part of their education cost, Mr Robert Jackson, the minister for Higher Education said in Birmingham yesterday.

He told the Association of Polytechnic Administrators that government policy to introduce a "more market driven system" would mean the divide between the two sectors would disappear in all but name, but polytechnics could not rename themselves universities.

Mr Jackson also hinted the Government might allow students greater consumer choice, indicating support for a voucher scheme of funding higher education through students rather than the centrally organized block grant.

Rather than put people off higher education, as was suggested from the floor, student loans would "encourage students to think about the costs and the benefits".

Mr Jackson said it could encourage bright students from poor backgrounds to study locally and "contribute to the economic regeneration of deprived areas" on graduation.

Correction

The report on ending Greenwich Mean Time (October 24) wrongly described the independent Policy Studies Institute as a "right-wing think tank". It is proposed that Double British Summer Time be introduced during the summer and British Standard Time during the winter, providing an extra hour of daylight in the evening throughout the year.

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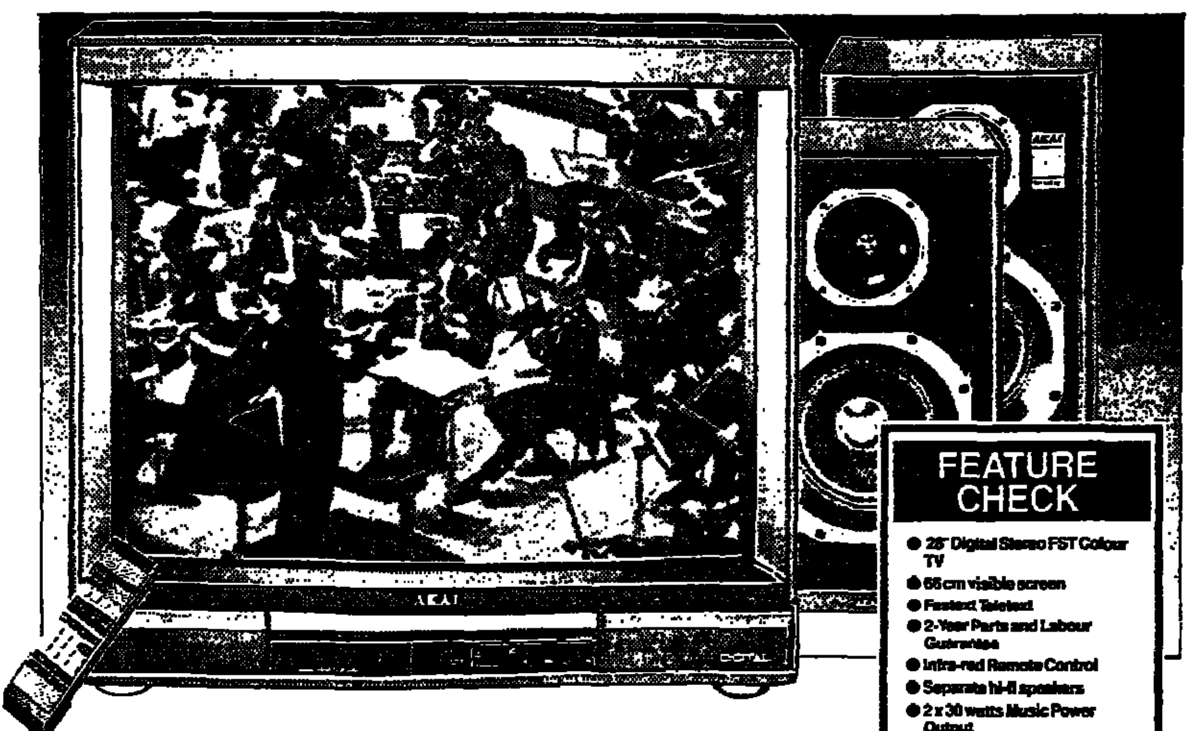

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The greenhouse effect

Britain joins global project

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

Britain is to contribute to an international research project to discover which countries are responsible for the gradual warming of the Earth.

The project is being carried out under the auspices of the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the International Energy Agency.

It has been prompted by growing anxiety among atmospheric scientists that our knowledge of the origin of "greenhouse gases" that trap heat in the atmosphere is far from adequate.

Without a better understanding of the contribution individual gases make to the overall "greenhouse effect", which could cause a potentially catastrophic global warming, scientists run the risk of designing countermeasures that fail to tackle the real culprits.

The research will initially focus on the burning of fossil fuels for power within the OECD countries. Later, it will build up a global inventory of the gases produced by all countries. The results are expected early next summer.

Carbon dioxide generated by the burning of fossil fuel is certain to emerge as the principal greenhouse gas produced by developed nations. However, there is growing concern that another gas, methane, may also be a contributor to global warming.

Miss Jacqueline Karas, a research scientist based at the University of East Anglia's climatic research unit, said yesterday that methane was a far more potent pollutant than carbon dioxide.

"A tonne of methane gas is 80 times more effective than a tonne of carbon dioxide at trapping heat", she said.

Bacteria in the guts of animals and the vast swamps and paddy fields of the underdeveloped world generate huge quantities of methane. Chemists at the Max Planck Institute in Mainz, West Germany, have calculated that the world's cattle, sheep, goats and other domesticated livestock produce more than 73 million tonnes of methane every year.

Intensive rice paddy farming may be generating a further 115 million tonnes of the gas each year.

Dr Ralph Cicerone, an atmospheric chemist at the US National Centre for Atmospheric Research, Colorado, says carbon dioxide is about 50 per cent more important than other greenhouse gases in producing global warming. However, he believes that the contribution of methane and other trace pollutants could soon match that of carbon dioxide.

Grandmaster title nears for woman

By Raymond Keene

Susan Arkell, Britain's only professional woman chess player, is on target to become a woman chess Grandmaster, after four rounds of the Duncan Lawrie mixed chess invitation tournament at the Eccleston Hotel in London.

Mrs Arkell, from Derby, has clocked up 2½ points from four games. She requires three more points to be awarded the Grandmaster title by the World Chess Federation.

In round four of the tournament she defeated the world boys' under-18 champion Michael Hennagan from London.

The overall lead is still held by Judit Polgar, aged 12, from Hungary, who has 3½ points.

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World Service shakes off its 'crusty' image

BBC World Service is shedding the last vestiges of its old-fashioned, crusty image in preparation for the 1990s (Richard Evans writes).

This Saturday, Imperial Echoes, the signature tune which has heralded daily editions of Radio Newsreel since the last war, is to be replaced by a synthesized version.

The change is part of a shake-up of the service, involving the launch of a dozen new programmes, coming into effect this weekend after a two-year review.

The service's image has been updated recently with familiar programme tunes being dropped and younger announcers introduced.

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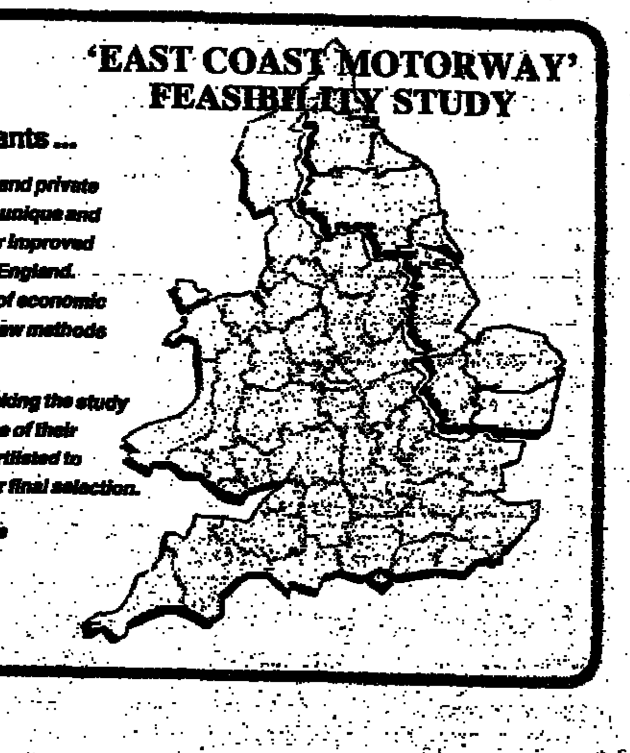

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Heysel stadium trial

First English fan to speak admits role in violence on terraces

By Paul Vallely, Brussels

The first of the 24 Liverpool football supporters to give evidence in their trial for manslaughter yesterday admitted his part in the violence at the *Heysel stadium* riot.

However, Michael Barnes, aged 23, said he did not feel it made him responsible for the deaths of the 39 people crushed in the stampede.

Mr Barnes, a roofer from Bristol, gave his evidence after a series of accounts from Belgian and Italian witnesses who said that drunken English fans with "wild and bulging eyes" attacked defenceless families and beat them to the ground.

Shortly before Mr Barnes gave his unsworn evidence, half the defence lawyers left the court saying they could proceed no further without consulting their clients, only six of whom were yesterday in court.

Their exit came after yet another dispute with the three judges following the latest ruling on procedure and the rights of the defence.

Mr Barnes, in a statement to the judges at the end of the hearing, which was extended by an hour to allow video pictures of him to be shown, said: "I admit that I was involved in the violence and so far I have spent eight months in a Belgian jail and I may go back again.

"I would like to say sorry to the Italian families who have lost their loved ones but in no way do I feel responsible".

Throughout most of yesterday's proceedings Barnes sat on a bench immediately in front of the judges. There, flanked by his lawyer, who remained in court, and a translator, and with his back to the rest of the room, he sat stock still and listened to readings of statements by witnesses who had identified him from photographs.

They recalled his behaviour on the evening of the European Cup final in 1985. Much of their evidence was highly coloured and filled with hearsay which would have been ruled inadmissible in a British court.

One witness spoke of the entry of Barnes and his fellow fans into the stadium. "Barnes was drunk before he came in. He was being egged on by his friends. There were no police at the entrance to check them for bottles."

One Belgian witness who had been standing in an area full of family groups said: "The English got very angry. They had wild and bulging eyes. They only stopped hitting people when their victim was lying on the ground. People had no defence. We could do nothing."

Another Belgian witness said of Mr Barnes: "This is the man I saw taking part in the riot. He was displaying extravagant aggression.

"The English were chasing anything that moved and in particular anyone who showed fear.

"I ran away around the corner. There were two policemen there but when they saw the fans they ran away too."

An Italian, Signor Turato Danilo, said of Mr Barnes: "I recognized the face of the man who chased me, hit me with an iron bar and with his fist. I was afraid."

Video evidence shown to the court portrayed Mr Barnes in the middle of a group of fighting Liverpool supporters. He was seen kicking at something on the ground, throwing something at police and surging back and forth in charges.

❛ Gendarmes came on to the terraces and I started to fight with them ❜

The court then heard statements given by Mr Barnes to police in Liverpool and in Belgium. These were not consistent in their accounts.

In court he said: "I went over to Z section to the Italians. Then I walked back. I was attacked. I ran after the Italian.

"He ran right over to the Italians but I lost the Italian who assaulted me. I stole an Italian's hat. I walked back to the Liverpool section. Then gendarmes came on to the terraces and I started to fight with them."

However, Mr Barnes vehemently denied allegations that he led charges against the police.

"I did not lead anybody. All my actions were on my own." Mr Barnes denied he was drunk, saying he never drank and never took drugs.

The disappearance of half the defence lawyers came after the judges ruled that their latest demand — that 48,000 pages of evidence should be read aloud — was unreasonable.

The relevant evidence against each individual would, however, be read aloud so long as the defendant concerned was in court.

No free copy of the prosecution dossier would be given to the defence. Lawyers had already had ample time to consult it in the prosecutor's office said one of the judges, Mme Michelle Berlemont.

She declined again to rule on the most controversial issues — whether certain edited video evidence was admissable and whether the defence could have more witnesses called.

Then, to the annoyance of defence lawyers, she announced that six extra witnesses would be called for the two Belgian police officers who are in the dock with the fans.

Some 20 defence lawyers then left the court for a private conference. However, although a majority favoured a walk out by the defence and the accused, a minority disagreed.

These returned to court. The others left the building announcing their intention to consult their clients, who are at present in England awaiting the court's summons to give evidence.

Sir Harry Livermore, the English lawyer representing 14 of the fans, said afterwards: "There's been a great deal of confusion among the defence.

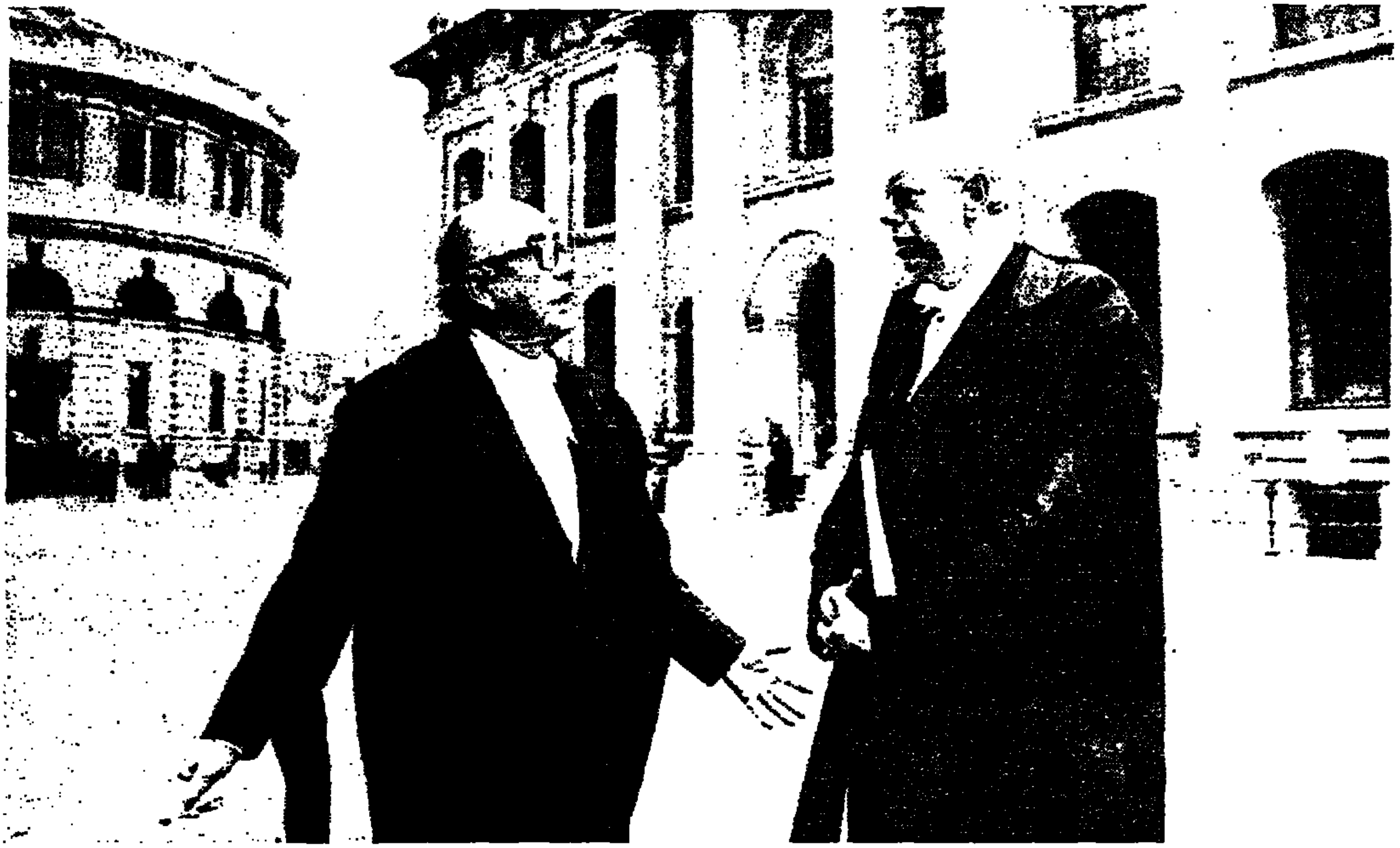
"At the moment I am very confused because if the Belgian lawyers can't make up their mind what can I do?

"I think I'm probably going to tell my clients that it would be safer for them to turn up and be examined, much as I don't like the whole situation."

Three more Liverpool fans, Mr Stanley Conroy, Mr Gary Cooper and Mr David Duncan, are due to appear in court on Friday morning.

On Friday afternoon the judges will visit the scene of the disaster.

Oxford's £220m appeal gets underway



Lord Jenkins of Hillhead (left), chancellor of Oxford University, and Sir Patrick Neill, the vice-chancellor, outside the Sheldonian Theatre and the Clarendon Building, during the launch yesterday of the Campaign for Oxford, a £220 million fund-raising drive to secure the future of the university.

Fast food provides more fat than fibre

By Robin Young

Some fast food is so fatty that it can never be balanced to form part of a healthy diet, according to a book published yesterday.

Dr Tim Lobstein, a researcher with the London Food Commission, had 40 fast food meals analysed and found that many take-aways were overloaded with fat, salt and sugar but contained little or no fibre and few essential nutrients.

Professor Michael Crawford, professor of comparative nutrition at the Institute of Zoology, said at a conference launching the book in London that there was now strong evidence that fat in the diet, to which fast food made a large contribution, was a serious health problem directly causing the high incidence of heart disease and cancers of the breast and colon.

Dr Tim Lang, director of the commission, called for fast food ingredients to be listed, and said that the best hope for improving the British legislation on ingredient listing lay in a proposal from the European Commission which could greatly improve on existing regulations.

Dr Lobstein's research took three years and included searches in fast food restaurant dustbins when ingredient information had been refused by companies such as McDonald's, Pizza Hut and Trust House Forte. Other companies, such as Wimpy and Pizzaland, were more open and helpful, the researchers said.

FAT CONTENT AS PROPORTION OF CALORIES

Government recommendation: Maximum 30-35 per cent including 10 to 15 per cent from saturates)

Product	Fat content (%)
Wimpy Halfpounder	59 (30% from saturates)
Kentucky Fried Chicken	58 (21)
Filet-o-fish and fries	53 (19)
Big Mac and french fries	46 (19)
Burger King Cheeseburger	43 (20)
Kentucky barbeque beans	10 (0)

In the food analyses, carried out by Southwark public analysts, there were found to be nearly two ounces of fat and five grams of salt in a Wimpy halfpounder and up to 21 sugar lumps in a large cola or 14 in a large milk-shake. Only six of the fast food dishes analysed were found to be fairly balanced. Nearly three quarters were high in fats with many having as much as 60 per cent of their calories in the form of fat, nearly double the Government's recommended level.

Dr Lobstein said: "High fat, salt and sugar levels and low amounts of fibre make attempts to follow government advice on healthy eating nearly impossible for those consuming these foods regularly."

He also found that fried fish could have colouring in the batter instead of egg, that chips could be soaked in coal tar dyes, that french fries are sometimes sprayed with dextrose sugar, that a hot dog sausage could be as little as a quarter lean meat, and sausage rolls as little as one tenth, while a 100 per cent beefburger could have 15 per cent added water and 35 per cent added fat.

Milk shakes were sometimes made with skimmed milk powder, cooking fat and sugar, whipped up with colourings and thickened and stabilized with seaweed and cotton derivatives.

He said: "Fast foods should be labelled like other food products so customers know what they are getting and can make an informed choice."

Dr Michael Jacobson, of the American Center for Science in the Public Interest, said: "Walk into a Burger King or McDonald's in the USA and you can pick up a fully detailed list of ingredients for their products".

He said he was surprised to find that McDonald's in Britain still serve no salads, which have been introduced in the United States.

Fast Food Facts: A Survival Guide to the Good, the Bad and the Really Ugly of Fast Foods, Tim Lobstein (London Food Commission, 88 Old Street, London, EC1; £4.95 plus £1 p&p).

- British scientists yesterday unveiled a simple, cheap powder which they claim can transform junk food crisps, chocolates and cakes into wholesome high-fibre food.

The additive is tasteless and leaves a food's texture unchanged. Researchers from British Sugar, who have developed the supplement, claim studies carried out at Surrey University demonstrate their additives — Beta Fibre — may also protect some women from brittle bones later in life.

Year's jail for knife attack on McAlinden

A postman who stabbed Danny McAlinden, the former Commonwealth heavyweight boxing champion, after being refused entrance to a London club, was sentenced to *12 months'* jail yesterday.

Mr McAlinden stopped two brothers, Leo and Michael Gorman, from entering Camden Palace on February 18, Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, was told.

Leo Gorman thenstabbed Mr Mr McAlinden in the chest and another doorman in the stomach. "I could have died", Mr McAlinden said.

Gorman, aged 29, of Islington, north London, denied two charges of wounding but was convicted. His brother was acquitted.

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A National Health Service manager won yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio prize. Mrs Elsie Baring, aged 65, of Clarence Gate Gardens, Marylebone, north London, has been doing Portfolio every day since it started.

Rugby coach finds claims 'distasteful'

A school rugby coach, blamed by former *pupils* for a rugby accident that left one paralysed, yesterday denied teaching them a dangerous technique.

"There wasn't a need for a new technique. They were an exceptionally good side", he told the High Court in London.

Mr Alun Rees has been accused of teaching schoolboys "inherently dangerous" techniques because he was obsessed with winning at all costs.

Mr Brian Quinn, aged 25, said he *broke his back in a school match seven* years ago because he was playing the way Mr Rees had taught him.

Mr Quinn, of Eaton Drive, Exeter, is suing the Devon County Council for negligence. The authority runs Exeter Technical College where Mr Rees has been head of physical education and rugby coach since 1971. The claim is denied.

Mr Quinn was paralysed in September 1981 when he went head first into the ground as he was tackled. He said he was "making the ball available" by placing it on the ground between his legs with both hands, which Mr Rees had taught him.

Mr Rees, aged 46, asked to describe to Mr Justice Ognall his "philosophy of rugby" said he always put his players first.

He aimed to motivate boys to good habits, to help them, encourage them, and to "remind them that no rugby player can be perfect and that youngsters and all players of all ages can but give of their best".

Mr Rees, of Fairfield Avenue, Whipton, Exeter, said he was a selector for the England under-19 team and had *helped* coach the side and had organized tours by foreign teams.

He said: "I've always stressed the paramount importance of enjoyment of the game with young men. I hope that I would be thorough in everything I did and I've always put them first, always."

He said claims that he wanted to win at all costs were "most distasteful".

"It was one of the things that hurt me most to hear that being said. There is a great difference between what I call motivation and psyching."

Mr Rees said: "I was like a father to Brian Quinn and it really upsets me. He certainly had skill and flair. He was quick, he picked up skills quickly. He was two matches away from potentially playing for England. Rugby was his life."

He said he was devastated when Mr Quinn was hurt.

He went to see Mr Quinn in hospital but not until 1985 — four years later — did he learn he was being blamed for what was a "freak accident", which happened after an opposing player pulled Mr Quinn down and the other players "piled in".

Three years before the accident he had been on a rugby injuries course.

He denied ever teaching the technique. "Common sense would say it's very dangerous." He described claims that he had told the players to "take out" members of other teams as "an utter lie".

The hearing continues today.

Many ignorant about rights on loan agreements

By Ruth Gledhill

Ignorance about debt and finance agreements is still a big national problem compunded by the increased availability of credit.

People seduced into debt by the temptation of "buying *now, paying later*" showed a staggering lack of awareness about their rights in a survey *by the Office of Fair Trading.*

More than 80 per cent did not know that they can get a loan agreement changed if they are charged an extortionate rate of interest. "There are people who think that a secured loan is a safer loan", Sir Gordon Borrie, Director General of Fair Trading, said.

"They do not realize that *their home is used as security* on the loan and that it is at risk if they fail to repay."

The new edition of *Fair Deal*, a paperback guide to shoppers' rights, launched by Sir Gordon yesterday, has enlarged sections on debt and credit to cope with the rising problem of over-commitment. The amount outstanding on consumer credit agreements rose to £40 billion this summer.

Of a sample of 2,000, more than one in three had complaints about things they had bought in the 12 months to September, and half complained about services.

Nearly *half did not know* who is responsible if an electric kettle bought from a shop does not work, did not realize that a shopkeeper who charges more than the marked price can be taken to court or that a fairground operator cannot absolve himself from liability for an injury by displaying a notice which says that customers ride at their risk.

A third did not know they can cancel a contract with a double-glazing salesman who calls uninvited at their home.

Food, drink, road and rail *transport* were the most unsatisfactory. More than twice as many people were *dissatisfied with the post and* telephone service than with any other service.

Fair Deal (Stationery Office; £1.95).

Some famous last words on death

Kingsley Amis and Jeremy Isaacs, general director of the Royal Opera House, are in broad agreement about what will happen to them when they die: nothing.

Their and other well-known people's *beliefs about what death has in store* for them are disclosed today in a new book, *My God*.

Hayley Mills, the actress, and Marcus Maclaine, a rock music manager, asked each contributor two questions: "Who or what is your personal concept of God?" and "What do you believe happens to you when you die?"

Responses range from precise physical descriptions to deep philosophical ponderings.

Jeffrey Archer would like to while away his time watching cricket from the Lord's pavilion after death. He fears, however, that God may prefer him to spend years as a spectator at Sumo wrestling matches.

Paul McCartney believes he will, in the words of John le Mesurier, the actor, just "conk out", *but Lord Forte is sure he* will be sent to heaven, and it will be a "beautiful place".

Spike Milligan shows his philosophical beliefs through a touching children's story about two ugly caterpillars called Ding and Dong who appear to die, but are reborn as beautiful butterflies.

***Mr Ron Todd*, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, believes this is the only life.**

"I believe that with *death* comes extinction", he says. Arthur C Clarke, the author and scientist, says he does not believe in God, "but I'm very interested in him".

Patrick Moore, the astronomer, believes God is "not a supreme being who will tolerate the World Council of Churches (backed by the Church of England) in its continuing support and organization of murder and terrorism in Southern Africa".

***Mr* Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, also has no concept of life after death. He said: "I only pray that when I die there will be no pickets at the Pearly Gates, only a sign saying 'vacancies — apply within'."**

The book has a foreword by the Princess *Royal*, president of Save the Children Fund. Royalties will go to the charity. *My God* (Pelham Books; £9.95).

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BRITISH MIDLAND

Investigation team doubled to combat charity fraudsters

By Emma Wilkins

Mr Robin Guthrie, the Chief Charity Commissioner, urged the public yesterday to think twice before giving to charities which they suspect may be involved in tax evasion or other fraudulent activities.

The commission, which works with the Inland Revenue and the police in investigating alleged abuses, received 1,000 complaints last year, of which almost 200 were accusations of fraud.

The Inland Revenue estimates that charity fraud amounts to at least £120 million a year.

Mr Guthrie disclosed yesterday that he is planning a campaign against those who abuse their charitable status.

"We have 15 people carrying out investigative work at the moment, out of a total of 330 staff, and I have authorized another 22 to start over the next few months", he said.

He suggested that people should check that a particular charity was authorized by the local authority or the police before making a donation.

"The public should be careful, because there are undoubtedly people going around who are not actually collecting for the charities they pretend.

"This happens particularly where children, cancer and animals are concerned, because people are most gullible in these areas – they twang the heart strings."

But he added: "People must not stop giving to charity just because there are a few rogues about.

"The thing is to be confident, particularly with house-to-house collections.

"If you have any serious doubts, just don't give.

"If the collector says he's left his authorization card behind then say, 'thank you very much, bring it tomorrow'."

Charities collect £12.6 billion a year in donations and with tax exemptions at £2.5 billion, the scope for fraud is extensive.

The Charity Commission was criticized earlier this year by the Commons Public Accounts Committee for its failure to crack down on fraud.

An all-party group of MPs accused the commission of complacency.

Sir Philip Woodfield's report into the supervision of charities, published in 1987, emphasized the need for more staff to combat the problem.

The Government has accepted the report and will be introducing legislation in January to extend the Charity Commission's powers.

Mr Guthrie, who took over as Chief Charity Commissioner last February, said: "We need to get ahead in our investigative capacity.

"We need to expand our capacity to take up all the cases that the Inland Revenue has been able to lay before us for investigation since the 1986 Finance Act.

"We can only manage a relatively small number intensively at any one time.

"I need to increase that number, so the additional staff will enable me to do that in the course of the next few months.

"People have got to be on their guard the whole time against fraudulent fund raisers.

"It's only with people's cooperation that we shall pick up on them. We have got to police it the whole time and be on the alert."

He added: "Our mission is that we should be able to say to people, 'You can trust charity'; that is what we are about'.

"Don't stop giving to charity, just be sure what it is that you are giving to."

New passport for citizen Hurd

By Kerry Gill

Hurd, Douglas Richard, British citizen was the name on the new, machine-readable EC common format passport issued in Glasgow yesterday with the impressive-looking number 000000001.

Mr Hurd, the Home Secretary, was given the new passport at the official inauguration of the new Glasgow Passport Office, the first in Britain to be fully computerized.

The passport, in spite of its number, was not the first to be issued. The office began issuing the machine-readable passports in August.

Last year more than two million passports were issued and it is expected that will rise to three million by 1992.

With the present manual system now unable to cope, all five other passport offices in Britain, are to be computerized, at a cost of £7 million, ending with London by December 1989.

From this month, work on postal applications at the London office will be taken over by Glasgow. London will then only deal with applications across the counter.

(Photograph: Mike Wilkinson)

Policeman in fatal arrest 'went too far'

One of two police officers astride a man prostrate in a shop had a stranglehold on him, a witness told an inquest at Wolverhampton yesterday.

Mr Sukhvinder Singh Pawar was giving evidence on the third day of the inquest into the death of Clinton McCurbin, aged 24, of Bovey Court, Wednesfield, who died on February 24, 1987, while resisting arrest.

Mr Pawar said that one of the officers kept pulling McCurbin's head back and asking, "Are you all right?" Mr Keith Swayne, the Wolverhampton coroner, asked whether McCurbin replied. Mr Pawar said that the grip was tight enough to stop McCurbin from speaking. "I thought the policeman at the front was going too far".

Mr Pawar, cross-examined by Mr Ian Macdonald, QC, for the McCurbin family, said: "The officer was practically strangling him".

Another witness, Miss Stephanie Ressel, of Edinburgh, said she thought the police had used such force "as was necessary". The inquest continues today.

Settle study

A report on the Carlisle to Settle railway presented yesterday by the English Tourist Board suggested that the line, threatened with closure by British Rail, would be profitable if run by a private company.

Ant invasion

Giant ants are invading homes at Nant-y-Moel, Mid Glamorgan, in Wales. Ogwr Borough Council is planning a £4,000 operation to destroy the Egyptian Pharaoh ants.

Two more ill

Two more cases of Legionnaires' disease were confirmed yesterday in the outbreak involving the British Aerospace plant at Bolton, Greater Manchester. There are now 26 confirmed cases.

Maid for trial

Samira Elaadoul, aged 25, a maid to Margaret, the Duchess of Argyll, was committed for trial at Southwark Crown Court by Bow Street magistrates in London yesterday after allegedly running up a huge telephone bill at her employer's home.

Captain Cook papers fetch £23,000

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

A narrative of the death of Captain James Cook, including details suppressed in the official accounts, sold for £23,000, just on its upper estimate, in London yesterday.

The minutes for the court martial on 10 culprits from the mutiny on The Bounty tripled their estimate at £15,400.

The intriguing documents were highlights at Christie's Australiana sale, a hugely expanding field. Both were bought by London dealers.

Written by David Samwell, surgeon on Cook's ship, the Discovery, the Cook narrative hints that his officers handled the situation less well than they might have done, when the captain was killed while trying to stop his officers shooting the natives. It was bought by Quaritch, while the Bligh document was bought by Maggs Brothers, a rival firm.

The top lot, at £77,000, within estimate, was the original manuscript journal of the trips made by Pierre-Bernard Milius, who went on an important French voyage of scientific exploration to Australia on the orders of Napoleon in 1800.

Including detailed descriptions of the flora and fauna, it is written in two different hands at the explorer's dictation, with a number of corrections in Milius's own hand.

A picture of a young couple in a grassy grove, the girl reading as the boy looks admiringly on, became the most expensive Finnish painting ever sold, when it fetched six million kroner (£600,000) at Bukowski, the Stockholm auction house.

A pair of 18th century armchairs fetched £31,900, again to a local private collector, becoming the most expensive Swedish chairs yet auctioned. These two records completed a highly successful two-day Scandinavian-oriented sale for Bukowski.

There were sensational prices for wrist watches at Sotheby's New York, including a world record when a 1936 Patek Phillipe & Co gold calendar wristwatch with moon phases was bought for $242,000 (£136,900) by a private buyer.

Chatty pen-pal letters from Anne Frank, the Nazi holocaust victim, and her sister to two girls in Iowa were sold at a New York auction for $150,000.

Red tape 'cutting tourism'

By Shona Crawford Poole, Travel Editor

Red tape was blamed yesterday for blocking tourist development in the regions outside London and the South-east.

The National Economic and Development Council has been warned that "negative postures" adopted by British Airways, the Civil Aviation Authority and the International Air Transport Association, "in other words red tape", are stopping foreign tourists flying directly to the regions.

Mr Brian Wolfson, chairman of the council's tourism and leisure sector group, was speaking after presenting a report to the full council. He said that at least three American and one Far Eastern airline want to start daily services from Manchester.

A key issue raised in the report is the need to reduce overcrowding of facilities in the South and to ensure that opportunities for increased earnings and employment are spread more evenly throughout the UK, he said.

The report calls for improved road and rail transport facilities, including links from the Channel tunnel, to get people to the regions.

The group suggested employment of pensioners to make up the predicted shortfall of young people to staff the growing tourist industry.

● Four more companies have pulled out of the Association of British Travel Agents' annual conference due to open in Jerusalem on Monday.

Thomas Cook, the travel agency chain, Access, the credit card company, Speedbird, the British Airways package tour operator, and Commercial Union have decided not to go.

Thomas Cook said that safety worries were the reason for its withdrawal. The drop-outs bring total cancellations to 200.

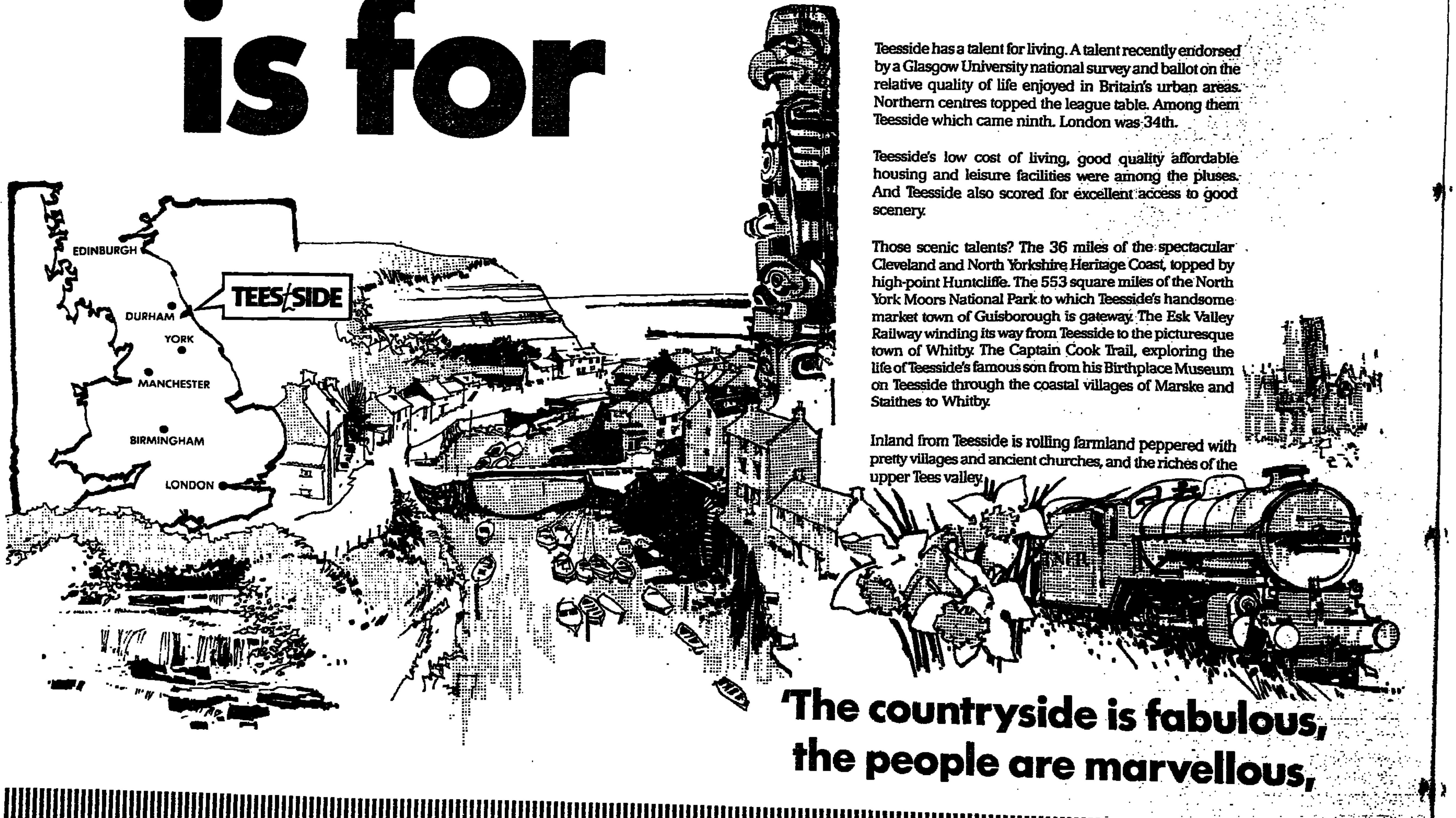
TEES/SIDE Living is for

Teesside has a talent for living. A talent recently endorsed by a Glasgow University national survey and ballot on the relative quality of life enjoyed in Britain's urban areas. Northern centres topped the league table. Among them Teesside which came ninth. London was 34th.

Teesside's low cost of living, good quality affordable housing and leisure facilities were among the pluses. And Teesside also scored for excellent access to good scenery.

Those scenic talents? The 36 miles of the spectacular Cleveland and North Yorkshire Heritage Coast, topped by high-point Huntcliffe. The 553 square miles of the North York Moors National Park to which Teesside's handsome market town of Guisborough is gateway. The Esk Valley Railway winding its way from Teesside to the picturesque town of Whitby. The Captain Cook Trail, exploring the life of Teesside's famous son from his Birthplace Museum on Teesside through the coastal villages of Marske and Staithes to Whitby.

Inland from Teesside is rolling farmland peppered with pretty villages and ancient churches, and the riches of the upper Tees valley.



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Fingerprints grossly under-used in police fight against crime

By David Walker

Almost 60,000 cases of housebreaking, car theft and cheque fraud go unsolved each year because police officers either do not bother to collect fingerprints or mismanage prints when they do, the Audit Commission says in a scathing report today.

The independent spending watchdog which oversees local government has recently turned its attention to police forces outside London. It says fingerprinting is grossly under-used as a tool in detection, often because of managerial failures.

Each year, in England (outside London) and Wales there are just over two million crimes — such as burglaries or car theft or cheque fraud — where fingerprints might be left by the offender. But only 687,000 of them are investigated for prints. In only 40,000 cases do police fingerprint bureaux match up marks found at the scene of crime.

Mr Howard Davies, controller of the commission and a critic of wasteful spending by local authorities, said "not enough criminals are being caught. More could be caught with better management. At a time of increasing public concern about crime, improving *the fingerprint service would* be one practical step." More fingerprint and scenes-of-crime officers were required, he said, adding that there was a good case for £10 million extra to ensure more fingerprints were collected and examined.

His auditors will next spring undertake a detailed investigation of fingerprinting services in all the provincial forces. Their work will overlap with a promised shake-up of career structures for scenes-of-crime officers after a joint report by the Association of Chief Police Officers and the Home Office is published in the new year.

An investigating team from the Audit Commission found that in one force burglaries were not investigated by scenes-of-crime experts because they had to share cars; in another there is a four-year backlog of fingerprints which have been collected but not catalogued; in several police forces prints are not taken from householders who have been burgled — with the result that their prints cannot be eliminated from those collected from the scene of crime; only 26 per cent of finger marks found are ultimately identified by fingerprint bureaux yet 70 per cent of all offenders who are detected (by *whatever means)* already have their fingerprints on record and in many forces fingerprint officers suffer from low morale and poor motivation as a result of monotonous work, low pay and a feeling of alienation from the rest of the police force.

Mr Davies derided suggestions that fingerprinting was becoming *obsolete* as *new* computer systems identified marks automatically and new genetic-typing based on DNA samples was tried.

"These developments could take many years to show results. In the meantime there is great potential for improving this Cinderella service."

Fingerprinting is *only* a small part of police operations, costing only £16 million a year.

Some 460 officers and staff are employed in fingerprint bureaux and 980 staff are employed to collect forensic evidence from scenes of crime.

The 40,000 print identifications made in 1987 represented less than 2 per cent of offences.

"In many cases", the Audit Commission says, "The offender will have left no mark but the proportion of crimes where identification might be made using fingerprints is certainly greater than this".

Audit Commission: Police Paper Number Two (Stationery Office; £5).

Where system can be useful

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The number of arrests made through fingerprints may be very low according to the Audit Commission report but British police attach more importance to these scenes-of-crime clues than colleagues in many other countries, including the United States.

The technology available in Britain is said to be in advance of many other countries allowing experts to get prints off an increasing number of surfaces.

Specialist groups, such as the fingerprint experts who work with the anti-terrorist branch at Scotland Yard, use the latest technology to catch offenders. It was fingerprint evidence which helped to convict Patrick Magee, for the bombing of the Grand Hotel, in Brighton.

At the other end of the scale in the world day-to-day crime, the system is often only usable if a criminal already has a record. In those circumstances all that can be done is collect and match marks from crimes and wait until a suspect is held.

In one case in Australia police did finally make an arrest in a case 20 years after the event and used long-stored prints to confirm their arrest.

Police operations also tend to rely on the assumption that a criminal will work within the locality where he lives.

A search of the scene of a crime may reveal only partial prints, or "marks", and these have to be matched with collections of fingerprints.

The first check of records will take place among collections held by the force where the crime occurred or among regional records.

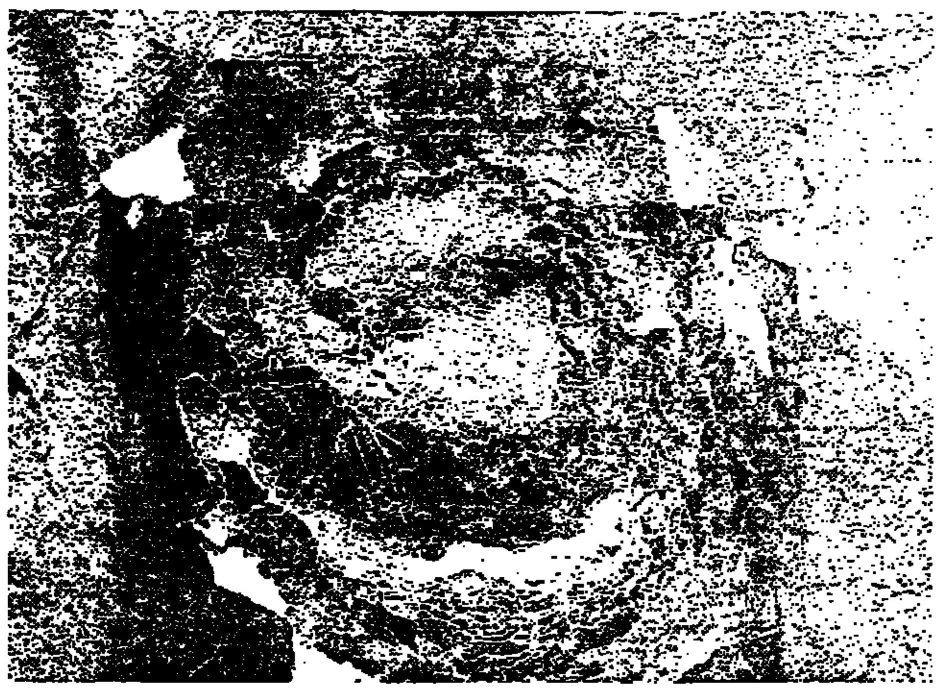
A national check could take longer and may only be applied for in major cases.

In the case of the search for Donald Neilson, known as the Black Panther and wanted for murder and kidnap, the search for his prints took a year.

Vandal helps Leonardo repair

Detail showing present condition of the cartoon, with repairs continuing, and, below, the damaged area before restoration

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent



The man who fired a shotgun at the Leonardo cartoon of the Virgin and Child in the National Gallery last year has given experts invaluable help in restoring the damaged drawing.

Robert Cambridge, aged 37, and now in Broadmoor, told police exactly where he was standing and how he held the twelve-bore shotgun when he fired on July 17 last year.

Mr Eric Harding, the restorer, who used the reconstruction of the attack to create a "model" for restoration work, said Cambridge, prompted by his remorse at what he had done, had been very helpful.

Mr Harding, seconded from the British Museum specifically for the job, which he hopes to finish by next spring, said: "This was the trickiest restoration work I have ever undertaken."

He explained how the blast had acted like a punch from a large fist, forcing splinters into the drawing of The Virgin and Child with Saint Anne and Saint John the Baptist.

First Mr Harding removed the tiny splinters of glass from the drawing, of chalk and charcoal on paper, mounted on canvas. Then he put each tiny fragment of paper into a separate box, each with a "map" attached, indicating its rightful place in the puzzle.

He then used ultra-sonic waves, humidity and vacuum suction to soften and ease the damaged pieces back into shape. Mr Harding said: "I found my success astonishing because I didn't at first think I could get the fibre structure back *together again.*"

Mr Harding is now on the final stages, filling in tiny white cracks that remain on the repaired surface. He said: "It will, I hope, be pretty invisible from a reasonable distance."

A general restoration has also been undertaken on the fragile drawing. It had been glued on to canvas some time during the seventeenth century by a clumsy restorer, who tried to smooth out some wrinkles to calamitous effect. Even today, the cartoon shows finger and thumb prints where he tried to straighten the work out.

Mellor is warned of huge Aids explosion

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Mr David Mellor, the Minister of Health, met seriously ill Aids patients in a London hospital yesterday and was warned by doctors that Britain faces a huge explosion of the disease in the next few years.

Mr Mellor was given a full briefing on the likely course of the epidemic by a group of medical experts at St Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, one of the country's leading Aids treatment centres.

Dr Brian Gazzard, co-ordinator of Aids services at the hospital, told Mr Mellor: "We are still seeing a doubling in the number of cases every year, and the figures will become horrific as the years go by.

"There will be a huge explosion in the number of cases. The chances of whether there will be an epidemic in the general population may depend crucially on minor changes in sexual behaviour."

By the end of last month, there were 1,794 reported Aids cases in Britain, of whom 965 sufferers have died.

Another 9,242 are known to be carrying the Aids virus, but experts estimate the true number of carriers at between 50,000 and 100,000.

Mr Mellor said later: "We are extremely concerned in the Government about the danger of public complacency about Aids. We have to ensure there is a regular flow of information from experts to the public."

Mr Mellor visited six Aids patients at St Stephen's. All were young men at various stages of the disease, and some were too weak to exchange more than a few words.

"If people could see for themselves the awful impact of this illness they might be more compassionate towards sufferers and more concerned about the risks to themselves and those they care most about", he said.

Mr Mellor was told about the recent death from Aids in the hospital of a young woman *who unknowingly became infected* sexually eight years ago and who then married another man and had a child.

Her husband and the baby contracted the virus before she discovered she was infected, and are now receiving treatment.

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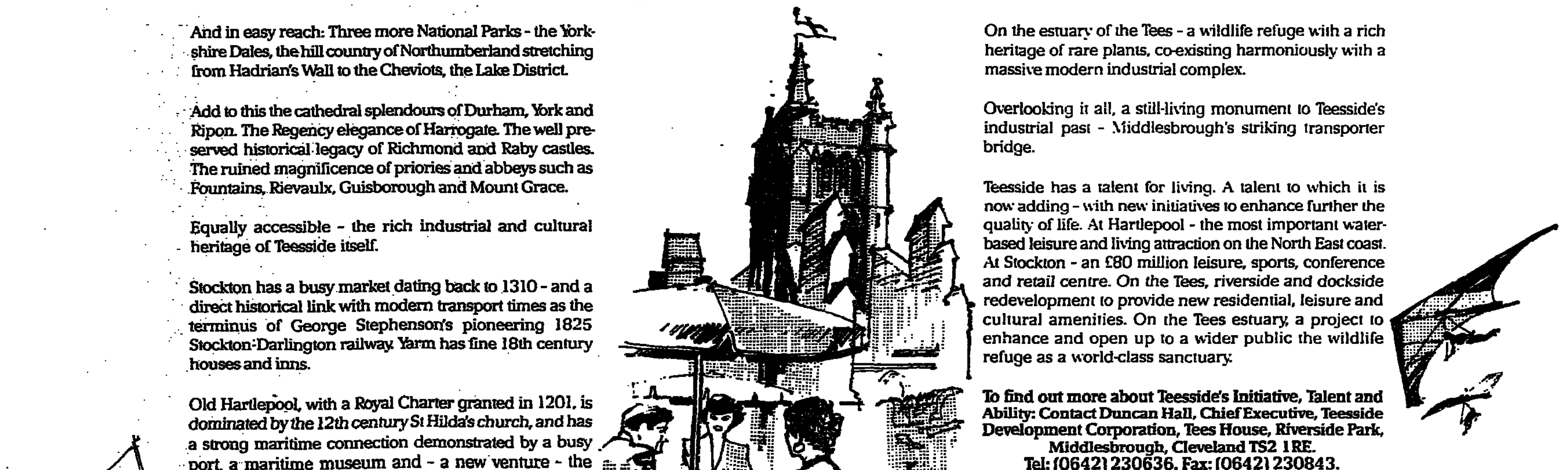

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Angry Delors issues fresh challenge to Thatcher over 1992

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

M Jacques Delors, President of the European Commission, who sparked a furore in June and infuriated Mrs Thatcher by suggesting an "embryo European government" was not far off, yesterday warned of a "political crisis" in Europe if the debate over 1992 and a united Europe was not resolved.

He challenged Mrs Thatcher to prove the commission was over-reaching itself, and insisted that 1992 and the Single European Act meant the complete abolition of frontiers – "physical, technical and fiscal".

M Delors told Euro MPs: "We are almost on the threshold of the irreversible, unless a political crisis paralyses the community again." Without mentioning Mrs Thatcher by name, M Delors angrily rejected her charge that the commission was seeking to impose bureaucratic rule from Brussels and create a "European super-state".

In bringing down borders by 1992 the commission would be fulfilling the Single European Act, he said, adding: "Those who accuse the commission should put forward their evidence when they accuse us of going beyond our responsibilites. The commission is still waiting for the evidence".

Mrs Thatcher launched her attack on the commission at Bruges last month. She reinforced her defence of national sovereignty most recently in Italy last Friday, when she also turned down proposals for a European central bank.

M Delors, speaking in the European Parliament, appealed to his critics to resolve the EEC dispute in a spirit of friendship and honesty. "You can be proud of your country and at the same time be a European," he declared. The 31-year history of the EEC showed that "misunderstandings" had to be resolved before they became "uselessly dramatised."

Strasbourg – Norway yesterday appeared to end speculation that it would join the EEC (Richard Owen writes). But Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, Norway's Prime Minister, told Euro-MPs here that Oslo wanted "an active part in Europe" and the 1992 programme for a single market.

M Delors offered an olive branch to Mrs Thatcher by praising the Treasury's issue of bonds denominated in European currency units. But he recalled that the last EEC summit in Hanover had committed the EEC to improving working conditions for 1992, and said the commission would table a European charter of workers rights. To avoid "ideological confrontations" Brussels would make any EEC company law optional.

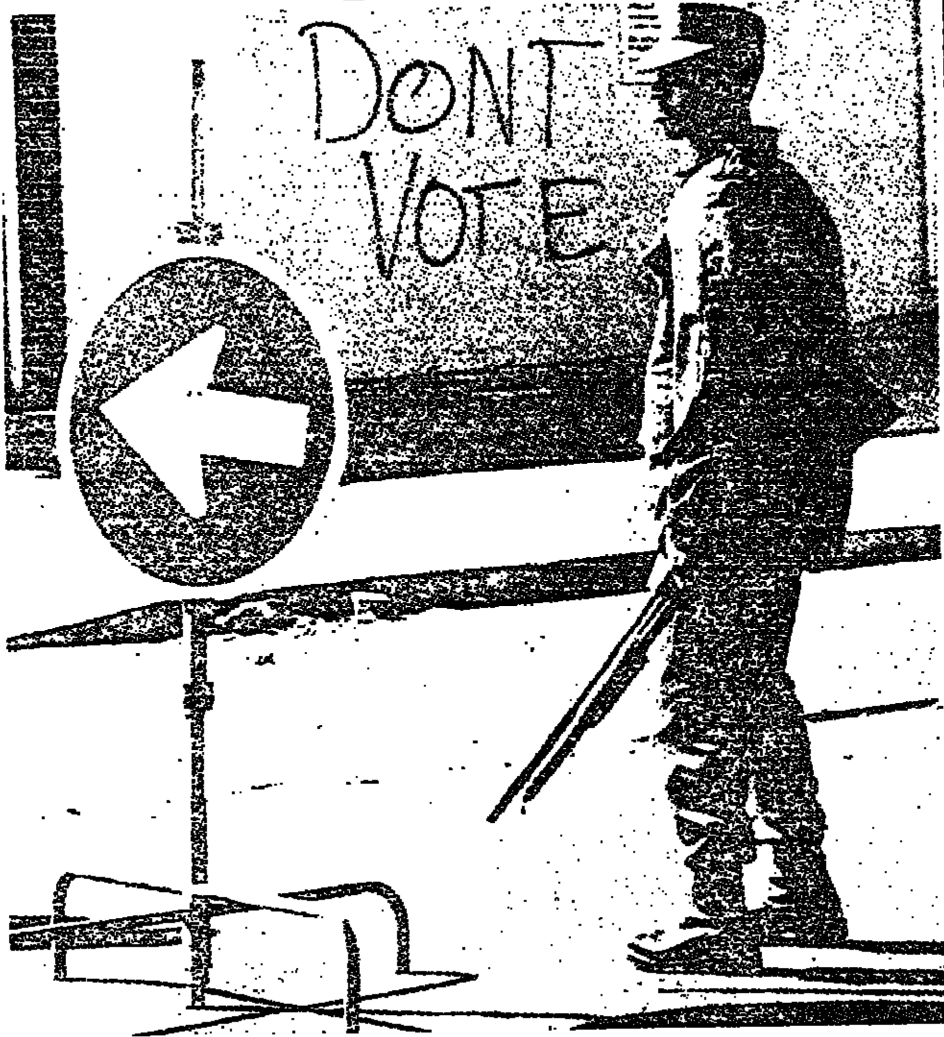
Euro MPs vote today on three resolutions calling for European union, with Conservative Euro MPs torn between supporting federalism and following the Thatcher line. In the debate yesterday, Mr Christopher Prout, leader of the British Conservatives, rejected plans for 1992 worker participation schemes. He also rejected calls for further powers for the European Commission, saying the commission should acquire "only those powers necessary to fulfill its tasks under the Single European Act".

There was uproar when Dr Barry Seal, leader of the British Labour group of Euro MPs, accused Mr Prout of using "weasel words" and making a "monumental U-turn" by abandoning earlier Euro-Tory support for a united states of Europe.

Dr Seal mocked the Euro Tories for being "obsequious" in toeing the Bruges line. He accused Mrs Thatcher of being "hypocritical and double faced" over the Single European Act, which she herself had signed in 1985.

M Delors said comission officials would tour EEC capitals to resolve an impasse over regional spending and 1992.

Pretoria poll clampdown



An armed South African policeman standing guard outside a polling station in Athlone, near Cape Town yesterday as members of all races went to the polls nationally to elect more than 800 racially-segregated municipal councils. The poll came against a backdrop of sporadic bombings, a widespread black boycott and a heavy turnout by the security forces. In Soweto, on Johannesburg's south-western doorstep, unknown assailants threw petrol bombs at the homes of three election candidates and a limpet mine exploded outside a rent collection office (Michael Hornsby writes). Some stoning of buses was reported early yesterday. Leaders of the African National Congress made clear months ago their intention to disrupt the elections. Other above-ground radical groups, almost all of which are banned from political activity, had called for an election boycott.

● **LUSAKA: Zambians queued unenthusiastically yesterday outside polling stations here in a one-candidate presidential election for the return to office of Dr Kenneth Kaunda.**

Stylish Hussars stir memories of Habsburg glory

From Richard Bassett, Budapest

Nothing is closer to a Hungarian's heart than a well turned-out Hussar. After decades of communism giving its soldiers nothing more exciting than brown mackintoshes, Budapest not surprisingly ground to a halt yesterday as a procession of about 100 Hussars, including a detachment from the British Army, rode through the old town.

It was an example of how a love of horses and the age-old chivalry of the cavalry officer can survive communism, Stalinism and normalization only to blossom in the present era of *glasnost*.

It was also a unique exercise in Nato-Warsaw Pact co-operation. Officers trained to shoot each other from tanks now rode side by side to a newly unveiled monument commemorating the 300th anniversary this week of the first Hussar regiment.

Despite initial misgivings over the dangers of letting young British cavalry officers loose on the streets of a communist capital, officers from four Hussar regiments raided their regimental museums to acquire the correct full dress, last worn in Britain before the First World War.

British Hussar regiments were first raised during the Napoleonic wars in response to the dash – and brilliant uniforms – of Napoleon's Hussars who were modelled on Hungarian horsemen.

The Parisian descendents of Napoleon's troops were also present yesterday, though on foot, as they were converted into a parachute regiment many years ago.

None the less, they brought along a regimental band which startled Hungarians trying to make their way across the Danube as the procession brought all traffic to a halt.

Not surprisingly, while the British officers sank their regimental differences – "We're all British Hussars here," said Major Mark O'Reilly of the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars – competition between the various units taking part in yesterday's ceremony was keen.

"Of course, we're the only soldiers who bother to put any polish on our boots," observed Captain Darling of the 15th/19th King's Royal Hussars.

"The French have a habit too of singing dreary songs. You know, as the French do," he added, saying that the Austrian Hussars, "frightfully keen but high most of the time", had livened things up no end by trying to introduce farm animals during an official tour of an agricultural complex.

For the Austrians present, though they could not boast the same gleaming silver-topped riding crops as the British Hussars, it was a return to the glitter of the Habsburg empire.

"This is really home for us", one of them in a dashing blue uniform said.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Sri Lanka crisis leads to poll offer

Colombo – In an unexpected move to try to solve the deepening Sri Lanka crisis, President Jayewardene said last night that he was prepared to dissolve Parliament, appoint a caretaker government and hold presidential and parliamentary elections (Edward Gorman writes).

The President's decision, in a letter to the four *Mahanayakas* – the leaders of the country's Buddhist clergy – comes after a mounting campaign of political violence and strikes organized by the Marxist underground Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (People's Liberation Front), which has been demanding the immediate holding of parliamentary elections.

In his reply to the monks, broadcast on state controlled radio, the President said that parliamentary elections – which had not been due until August next year at the latest – would now go ahead and hinted that he was prepared to announce a definite date provided the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna "responds correctly".

Whale rescue near

New York – Russian ice-breakers were on the verge of freeing two whales trapped in ice off Alaska yesterday in what was being hailed as an example of "*glasnost* on ice" (James Bone writes).

The Russian vessels steamed to within a mile of the whales, as American television news bulletins played with puns about breaking the ice in superpower relations. Rescuers said they expected the whales to be free by the end of the day. The ice-breakers' approach apparently has enlivened them.

Debate aids Turner

Ottawa – Mr John Turner, the Liberal Party leader and former Prime Minister, appeared to be the marginal winner of a three-hour television debate with Mr Brian Mulroney, the Conservative Prime Minister, and Mr Ed Broadbent, the leader of the New Democratic Party, in the run-up to the Canadian federal election on November 21 (John Best writes). The most heated exchange on Tuesday night took place between Mr Turner and Mr Mulroney, when the Liberal chief bluntly told the Prime Minister that, in signing a Canadian-US free-trade deal, he had "sold us out".

Envoy shot dead

Ankara – Mr Abdulghani Bedawi, right, a Saudi diplomat, was shot dead on the steps of his home here on Tuesday night, police said (Rasit Gurdilek writes).

Mr Abdulaziz Khojah, the Saudi Ambassador, declined to speculate on motives but the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad claimed in Beirut that it was responsible.

● **Five arrested:** Five Iranian diplomnats were detained on Sunday in connection with a kidnap bid and sent to Istanbul to appear before a security court, the Anatolian News Agency said.

Rhino kills Briton

Johannesburg (Reuter) – A rhinoceros charged and killed Miss Joanna Copley, a student from Scotland, in a South African game reserve, an official said yesterday. Miss Copley, aged 22, was observing baboons in the Mkuzi reserve near South Africa's eastern coast on Tuesday when a rhino calf appeared, took fright and ran off.

A spokeswoman for the Natal Parks Board said: "The mother followed the calf into the clearing but panicked when she couldn't see him and charged the first thing she saw." A lecturer from Natal University escaped unhurt.

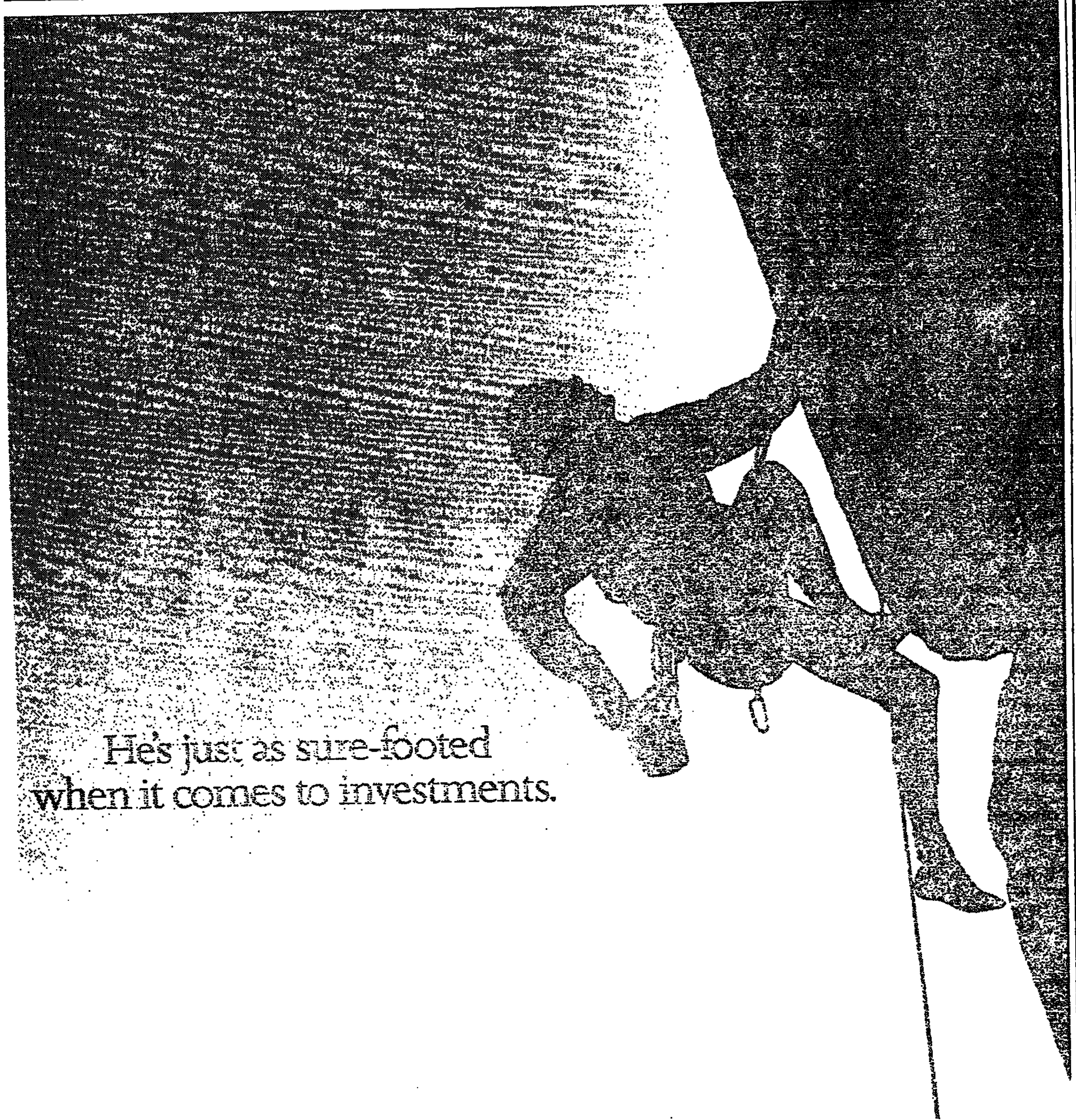
Reporters 'pressured'

Athens – A row has erupted between the ruling Socialists and the Athens Union of Journalists after protests that the Government is putting pressure on radio and television journalists to become tools of official propaganda (Mario Modiano writes).

The confrontation came after *Rizospastis*, the Communist Party newspaper, revealed that TV's adulatory description of a welcome rally for Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, after heart surgery in London, had been prepared by the Government in advance. Reporters refused to read it.

Motorway madness

Madrid – Police are hunting for a motorist who drove slowly along the M 30 motorway, which encircles most of the capital, on Monday afternoon, scattering banknotes from his car window (Harry Debelius writes). His action brought chaos and traffic jams on a five-mile stretch of road as motorists slammed on their brakes and jumped out in front of other vehicles to grab the flying cash or pick it up from the road. Police estimate the driver's largesse amounted to approximately one million pesetas (about £5,000).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Lacklustre Dukakis turns off millions in TV confrontation

From Charles Bremner, Denver

It had been billed as something akin to the television drama of the century, but the Democratic presidential team searched in vain yesterday for the rave reviews it hoped would flow from Mr Michael Dukakis's 90-minute grilling by America's most ferocious interviewer.

Instead, it found itself back again lamenting missed opportunity after a defensive and deadpan candidate delivered a dry civics lesson to Ted Koppel of ABC's *Nightline*, sending millions of viewers to their channel changers. To add to its misery, *The New York Times* issued an opinion poll yesterday that showed Vice-President George Bush, the Republican runner, leaping ahead to a 51 per cent to 38 per cent lead.

Mr Koppel, a British-born journalist who subjects his victims to merciless prosecution four nights a week, declared: "George Bush has absolutely nailed your hide to the wall, Governor. He turned round the wimp image and he did it by kicking you in the groin." But that opening shot failed to stir the passion that Mr Dukakis told viewers he harboured. "I'm going to continue to address the concerns of average Americans at a time that they're beginning to focus on the campaign," he said in his usual dry tone. But he did win points for not flinching under the kind of onslaught that usually demolishes Mr Koppel's victims.

US ELECTION

Mr Koppel managed to reveal some remarkable ignorance by Mr Dukakis on one of the key campaign issues – defence spending. Asked if he knew what percentage of the defence budget went to nuclear arms, he replied: "I do not know exactly what the percentage is."

Throughout the campaign, Mr Dukakis has been calling for more expenditure on non-nuclear armaments and urging reduction in spending on strategic weapons, part of a nuclear arsenal which accounts for between 10 per cent and 14 per cent of the budget.

The Massachusetts governor admitted: "I've found it very difficult to give people in this country a real sense of who Michael Dukakis is, particularly what I care about, the kind of deep commitment that I have to this country."

Campaign staff rolled their eyes in the crowded viewing room at a suburban Denver hotel as their man reeled off his stock of oft-used phrases.

Later this week, the governor is to face shorter sessions with David Frost, for the Fox TV network, and with interviewers from the two main networks. He is also to address the country in a 30-minute blockbuster commercial on election eve. Mr Dukakis used the Koppel appearance to drive home his current effort to exploit public dissatisfaction with the campaign – a mood measured in *The New York Times* poll yesterday.

Two-thirds of those polled wished that they had choices other than Mr Bush or Mr Dukakis. But the poll also showed that Mr Bush's effort to tar Mr Dukakis as soft on crime and prone to raising taxes had proved effective.

Dashing Hispanic hero falls from grace

From Christopher Thomas
San Antonio, Texas

Mayor Henry Cisneros and his wife of 19 years (left) and Miss Linda Medlar, with whom he has admitted having an affair.

Mr Henry Cisneros, the mayor of this Texas town, was more than just that, more than the dashing, beloved political star of America's 10th biggest city – he was the most revered Hispanic in the country, a John Kennedy of his people.

For Spanish speakers, he personified the American dream and was seen by them as the future of the Democratic Party, perhaps even a presidential candidate in 1996.

His declared moral and ethical standards had set the tone for other Hispanics. His picture was found in ordinary households alongside that of the Pope.

But, suddenly, he is in disgrace, his career shattered, his family humiliated, his people appalled. This most public of politicians, who reveals even his New Year's resolutions for the edification of followers (last year's was to be a better father and husband), has gone into retreat, his head bowed. He may even resign as mayor before his term of office expires in April.

The Hispanic community had watched with growing anguish his heartrending public battle to save the life of his only son, named John Paul (after the Pope), who has a heart condition. Millions sympathized when he spoke about the medical bills.

His supporters also watched his barely concealed marital difficulties anxiously. They left him alone when he started missing mayoral duties to be with his son. Priests in San Antonio said frequent prayers for the family at Sunday services.

But today the Hispanic community is hurt and stunned: this good Roman Catholic, who exemplified the very best of the Hispanic community's values, has admitted to an affair. He has crashed from his pedestal.

It is an appalling scandal in the context of the exacting standards so long expected of him, standards to which much of the Hispanic community strictly adheres.

San Antonio, which has a Hispanic majority, had suspected secretly for a long time that Mayor Cisneros was sleeping with Miss Linda Medlar, his former fund-raiser. It was the talk at the supermarket and in church pews.

But, such was his openness and honesty about his domestic life, that editors were reluctant to publish stories about the couple. To do so would have seemed the betrayal of a good man. Some national newspapers were given full accounts of the goings-on by local journalists, who thought that the story should be told but could not themselves get it printed.

Finally the affair was hinted at in the local press; then the dam was opened by the *San Antonio Express-News*, which began a front-page story with almost ecclesiastical gravity: "Mayor Henry Cisneros confesses that he is deeply in love with Linda Medlar, a 39-year-old political fund-raiser here, and may marry her after serving out his fourth term …"

There followed a great outpouring of Hispanic dismay, both locally and nationally. The mayor was bombarded with letters sent to his home. "Many are supportive," he said. "But it's the other ones that really get to me."

The family tragedy is felt deeply on a personal level across the San Antonio Hispanic community. The anguish is public. Mrs Mary Alice Cisneros and the couple's children went to the Alamo City Baptist Church on Sunday, standing with the minister in front of the congregation, and prayed for the family.

Since being elected at the age of 33, Mr Cisneros has transformed San Antonio. The city is one of the great success stories of America, and its revival brought national and international status to the young mayor.

But now, eight years later, he seems lost. He says he will not seek re-election. He has already said he will not stand for governor or the US Senate.

Whatever the future holds, the Hispanic community – locally and nationally – has one question: Will he really leave his wife, or will the strict moral codes that governed his upbringing prevail in the end?

Dirty campaign by contenders wearies voters

From Michael Binyon, Detroit

Not even the candidates are happy with the tone of their campaigns. Each says he wants to concentrate on the issues and accuses the other of starting the mudslinging.

Yet in a campaign marked by smear and innuendo, deliberately fanned rumours and negative advertising, neither Vice-President George Bush nor Governor Michael Dukakis appears able to take the high road.

Without compelling political issues or personal charisma, each knows the surest way to catch the headlines and boost his chances is to denigrate his opponent.

As a result, this campaign is widely rated as the dirtiest in modern times. And the American voter is fed up. A *Newsweek* poll published this week showed that 64 per cent of those asked said the campaign was more negative than those in the past.

About 66 per cent said the candidates were manipulated by their handlers and were not dealing honestly with the issues. And 74 per cent – almost three in four – thought each man said whatever was necessary to get elected. By a margin of two to one, those asked said better candidates should have been found in each party.

It is a judgement widely held across the country. In conversations from Oregon to Georgia, from Oklahoma to West Virginia, I have found the overwhelming reaction to the candidates and their campaigns was one of contempt and disgust. This was as true of taxi drivers and waitresses as it was of teachers, doctors and the politically engaged.

Mr Bush, aware of a possible backlash to his incessant trashing of his opponent, said this week that he wanted to "step back from the rhetoric of the campaign." He said this would come as a relief to his audience and to him.

But within 10 minutes he was accusing Mr Dukakis again of breaking with American traditions of free enterprise and following an "irrational" policy of high taxes and government regulation.

Indeed, the Bush campaign then increased the barrage of negatives in a swift and deadly riposte to Mr Dukakis's complaints that the Vice-President was telling lies about him. It accused him of using the "Big Lie" himself because his record was too weak to defend. It issued an extraordinary 42-page report detailing Mr Dukakis's record and the controversial Bush television advertisements.

And clearly stung by damaging Democratic charges that Republican exploitation of the case of the furloughed black murderer who raped and brutalized a couple while out of prison was racist, the document hit back vigorously at Mr Dukakis on crime. "Given the number of attacks he has made on the furlough issue, it must be his greatest weakness … Dukakis is hoping the truth about his record never catches up with him. He doesn't want anyone to find out how closely his real views on criminals' rights match up with the policies of the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)."

The speed, ferocity and willingness to reply in kind has again thrown Mr Dukakis off balance. He has publicly called the Bush pamphlets "garbage," and Miss Susan Estrich, his campaign manager said there were "lies, damn lies and George Bush's commercials."

But the Bush riposte – delivered in Washington while the Vice-President was campaigning here so as to distance him from the brawl – returned the initiative to the Republicans.

Polls show that such tactics work well. As *The New York Times* found yesterday, support for Mr Bush is hardening, his lead is widening – 51-38 per cent – and many voters are now persuaded that Mr Dukakis would be soft on crime, raise taxes and weaken US defences.

Though they dislike negative campaigning, they do not hold it against Mr Bush. Indeed, the poll found many Democrats despairing of Mr Dukakis's inability to reply in kind.

Mr Bush has also succeeded with the "good cop, bad cop" tactic. While his campaign is running aggressive advertisements, he is stumping the heartlands sneering at "the liberal governor of Massachusetts," who he says would take away prosperity. But he also talks about his vision of a "kinder, gentler America," and moves on to outline plans for education and the family.

The Republicans say that negatives began at the Democratic convention, when the taunts of "Where was George?" and "Poor George" set the tone and got under Mr Bush's thin skin. Mr Bush was quite prepared therefore to counter-attack with gusto.

The tone will continue until election day. Mr Bush has no reason to change a winning formula. And Mr Dukakis is betraying a sense of desperation in having to use mean tactics to defend himself. Negative campaigning brings in the votes.

Liberalism defended

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Leading American intellectuals yesterday made public their regret that President Reagan had taken the lead in vilifying liberalism, "one of our oldest and noblest traditions".

In a full-page advertisement in *The New York Times* the 63 signatories said that Mr Reagan continued to make "liberal" and "liberalism" terms of opprobrium. "We are deeply concerned about the erosion and debasement of American values and American traditions that our country has long cherished," the advertisement said.

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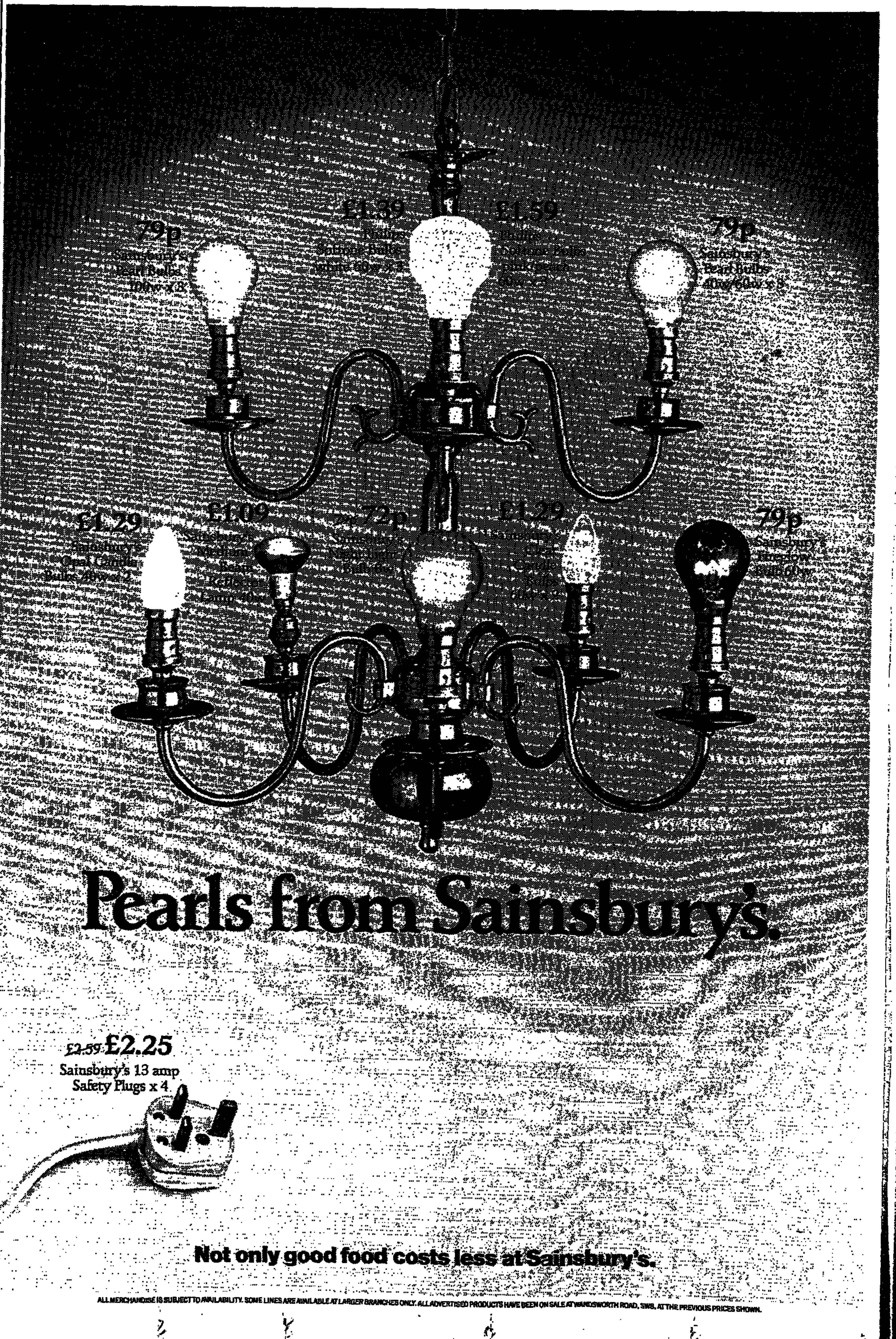

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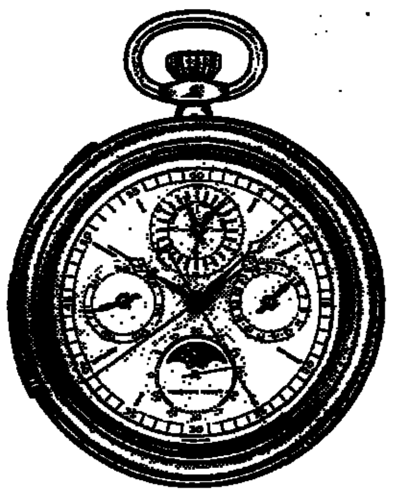

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Algerians' new political freedom

Riots jolt moderates into pressing for wider reform

By Susan MacDonald

Echoing the violent sentiments of the rioters who earlier this month smashed the party's headquarters, the strictly government-line official newspaper, *Al Moudjahid*, in an editorial unimaginable in Algeria just four weeks ago, yesterday attacked the ruling National Liberation Front as being an obstruction to progress and responsible for many of the country's ills.

The party, formed as a national body at independence, has been the sole political party in Algeria for the past 26 years.

Yesterday's unprecedented attack by *Al Moudjahid* came after a presidential announcement the previous day that a second referendum on restricting the role of the all-dominant party would be held in the New Year.

A first referendum will next week seek to reinforce the presidential system while for the first time making the Prime Minister responsible to Parliament and not to the President.

Whether President Chadli Benjedid will be able to carry through his reform programme, or even remain President, will not become clear until the ruling party congress in about six weeks.

In announcing the two referendums so quickly after the rioting, the President is moving to take advantage of the calls for reform coming from different parts of the civilian population.

Never in its 26 years of independence has Algeria been in such turmoil. The profound shock induced by the deaths of hundreds of young people killed by army bullets during the rioting, and the well-documented reports of the sadistic torture of those rounded up by the Army, has galvanized teachers, doctors, journalists and students, among others, to form independent professional associations outside the aegis of the omnipresent ruling party.

For many Algerians, this is a period of shame at what has happened. Whole sections of the population, who for many years have been silent, have suddenly found a voice.

Events inconceivable just last month are now taking place. A university professors' meeting heard the testimony of one of those tortured by the Army. He broke down when he said: "I was tortured just along the corridor from where my father was tortured by the French during our war for independence."

> ● In the general outcry, the National Front and the Army have remained silent ●

University students went on hunger strike to demand the release of those still in prison following the rioting.

And, although after the riots the local press began a campaign against "exaggerated" foreign reports, *Al Moudjahid* now has referred to the cases of torture and complained of being gagged.

The government-recognized Algerian Human Rights League, which in the past functioned because it did not rock the boat, is now in the forefront of calls for inquiries into the arrests and torture.

Amid the general outcry, Front and the Army have remained silent. Both have been discredited by the rioting, the front because its long-standing corruption and patronage system put a stranglehold on society, and the Army for the way it used live ammunition to break up demonstrations.

It is factions within these groups that have provided the greatest obstacles to the reforms against corruption and patronage in the public sector that President Chadli wants to push through.

The rioting this month cleared a path for the President to go into action on reforms that had been blocked previously by front officials afraid of losing their power.

Next week's referendum gives greater powers to Parliament, known until now as no more than a rubber-stamp institution, with the proviso that if the Prime Minister is defeated twice, then Parliament itself must be dissolved.

These constitutional reforms will then be reinforced in the second referendum, which limits the powers of the ruling party and allows non-party candidates to contest elections.

But President Chadli has stopped short of declaring a multi-party system, because that would invite a struggle for power and privileges by clans and regional groupings and could bring the Islamic fundamendalists to power.

Perón return worries opposition

From Michael Llanos, Buenos Aires

Señora Perón being greeted by well-wishers in Buenos Aires after her return to Argentina, where she was once President.

The surprise return to Argentina of Señora Maria Estela Perón has thrown the country's main opposition party into disarray just before the Peronist presidential candidate leaves for Europe on a tour designed to improve the party's image abroad.

Señora Perón, the widow of the late President Juan Domingo Perón and herself President of Argentina between 1974-76, arrived here from her home in Spain on Tuesday to the surprise of Peronist leaders, including the party's presidential candidate, Señor Carlos Menem.

The two do not get along, and Señor Menem's aides have suggested that President Alfonsín and the ruling Radical Party planned Señora Perón's visit in an attempt to divide the Peronists just as rival factions were reaching agreement in the run up to the May 1989 elections.

Señora Perón said on arrival that during her indefinite stay she would probably meet President Alfonsín, "a friend whom I admire fondly".

But Señora Perón evaded questions on whether she would meet Señor Menem and whether she supported his candidacy.

Señor Menem, for his part, said of the prospects of a meeting: "She knows where to find me."

Previously, Señora Perón refused to receive Señor Menem at her Madrid home, and he had to leave his bouquet of flowers tied to a tree outside her residence.

Señora Perón has been living in Spain since being released by the military regime which removed her from office in March 1976. The second wife of Juan Perón, she assumed the presidency in July, 1974, after his death.

Señora Perón's presence here has reawakened the memories of many Argentines who lived through her presidency, when left-wing terrorists and right-wing death squads ruled the streets.

The Peronists fear that her visit is a tactic of the ruling Radical Party, whose candidate, Señor Eduardo Angeloz, is far behind Señor Menem in opinion polls.

Señor Menem, who uses the same populist style which brought General Perón to power, is to leave on Saturday for a two-week European tour. This visit is intended to improve his standing in Europe after his campaign promises, which include "huge wage increases" at a time when Argentina is broke, and "the expropriation of British assets" as a means of putting pressure on Britain on the Falklands issue.

The Carlos Pellegrini Foundation, a conservative Argentine think tank, recently reported that Señor Menem's image in the United States and Western Europe is "very negative". Hisfirst stop is to be Spain, followed by France, West Germany, and Italy.

Missile updating imperils Nato's nuclear arms cuts

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

A Nato military plan to withdraw unilaterally a significant number of nuclear battlefield weapons from Europe is in jeopardy because of growing political opposition within the alliance to American and British demands to modernize existing short-range missiles.

Nato defence ministers, gathering in The Netherlands today for a Nuclear Planning Group meeting, are expected to be warned that the removal of many of the nuclear-tipped artillery shells would have to be contingent on a satisfactory modernization programme being agreed.

General John Galvin, Nato's Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, supports the move towards a smaller arsenal of up-to-date, longer-range missiles. If the existing missiles were modernized, the nuclear stockpile in Europe could be reduced from the present 4,600 warheads to about 2,700.

However, this "quality for quantity" exchange is still threatening to cause damaging divisions within the alliance. Belgium has indicated that it would not be in favour of any decision at this stage on introducing new nuclear systems into Europe. West Germany has said it wants to put off a deployment decision. Greece has always been adamantly opposed.

General Galvin will remind the defence ministers at the Scheveningen meeting that his highest priority is to find a longer-range replacement for the ageing Lance missile.

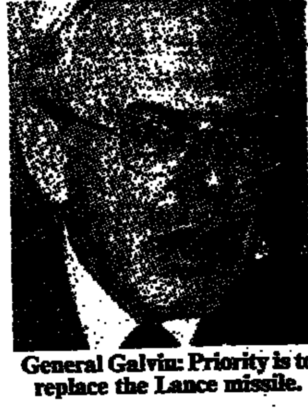
This 68-mile range weapon, which is now deployed in Europe is due to come out of service by the mid-1990s. But General Galvin, who has drawn up his own list of requirements for maintaining credible nuclear forces in Europe, is still waiting for political backing.

The general is prepared to withdraw a large number of Nato's nuclear-tipped artillery shells provided he gets what he wants on the modernization issue.

Nato's High Level Group, a special committee of military and political specialists which has been examining the issue in detail, will be presenting a report to the defence ministers, outlining the steps that need to be taken in the next few years to keep the forces up to date.

The modernization of Nato's short-range nuclear forces has been the most divisive issue since the signing of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty last December, eliminating all ground-launched missiles with a range of between 312 miles and 3,433 miles.

General Galvin wants a Lance "follow-on" and a new stand-off air-launched weapon to replace the old free-fall nuclear bombs, so that strike aircraft can drop their payloads several hundred miles away from their targets. The US is studying replacement missiles for Lance and the free-fall bomb.


General Galvin: Priority is to replace the Lance missile.

Backing for Sihanouk

Britain yesterday emphasized its support for Prince Norodom Sihanouk as the person best placed to lead Cambodia out of its 10-year civil war (Andrew McEwen writes).

In two days the Prince, who led Cambodia from 1953 to 1970, has held talks in London with Mrs Thatcher and with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary. Prince Sihanouk is to hold a third round of talks in Paris on November 5-6 with Mr Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Phnom Penh Government, which was installed by Vietnam. The Khmer Rouge has been invited to participate but has not yet replied.

Andean crash

Lima (Reuter) — Aeroperu, the state airline, said that 12 people, including a Swiss missionary priest, were killed minutes after a F28 Fokker passenger plane took off from Juliaca, high in the Andes. Fifty two people survived.

Briton held

Rome (Reuter) — Police in Spain and Italy have seized 120lb of pure Colombian cocaine and arrested 10 people, including a Briton, in an operation against drug smugglers.

MP accused

Florence (Reuter) — Signor Massimo Abbatangelo, a far-right Italian former MP, was charged with multiple homicide over a 1984 train bomb attack which killed 16 people, judicial sources said.

Prize draw

Tallahassee (AP) — Two sisters who work on an assembly line in Florida claimed a Lotto jackpot worth more than $31.5 million (£18 million) from a $1 ticket and said that they would split the prize.

Yacht charges

Sydney — The parents of David Blenkinsop, the British yachtsman shot by an Indonesian policeman then allegedly pushed overboard, were officially notified that two policemen are to be charged with their son's murder and the shooting of his fiancée.

Rebel ambush

Bogotá (AP) — Talks on ending a general strike in Colombia collapsed as left-wing guerrillas ambushed and killed nine policemen and four election officials.

Nuns rethink

New York — Rebel nuns barricaded in a New Jersey Carmelite monastery to protest at changes in their cloistered lifestyle withdrew a lawsuit against church authorities a day after it was filed.

Grand scale

Sydney (AP) — A group of Aboriginal businessmen, taking advantage of the success of the *Crocodile Dundee* films, opened a Aus$12 million (£5.6 million) hotel shaped like a giant crocodile.

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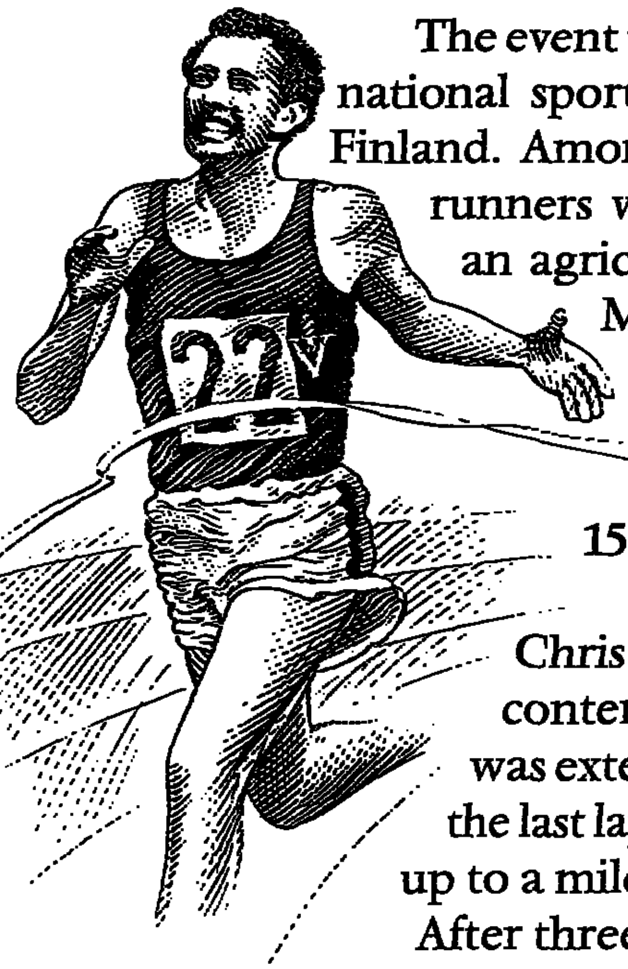


On the 21st June 1954 the 4 minute mile was shattered in a record-breaking time of 3 minutes 57.9 seconds.

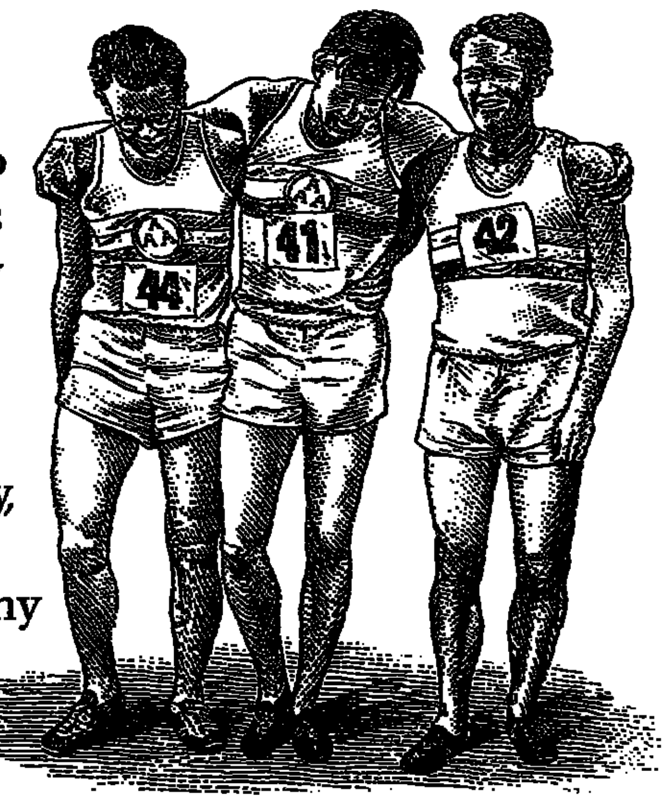
The event took place at an international sports meeting in Turku, Finland. Among the field of six runners was one John Landy, an agricultural student from Melbourne, Australia, who had made the long trip from home to attack the 1500 metres record.

At the request of Chris Chataway, the British contender, the 400m track was extended nine metres on the last lap to bring the distance up to a mile and the race began.

After three very fast and keenly contested laps, the record was in sight and with a magnificent last lap of 62 seconds Landy flashed past the tape.

But despite his record-breaking run Landy finished not seconds but weeks too late.

For on the 6th May 1954, it was Roger Bannister, along with his university colleagues Brasher and Chataway, who *first* broke the 4 minute mile at the Iffley Road track in Oxford.



Brasher
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The Oxbridge trio were joyously victorious and Britain was now established at the forefront of middle distance running.

Alas for John Landy, the new record was surpassed and like many subsequent record breakers his achievement faded with the passing of time.

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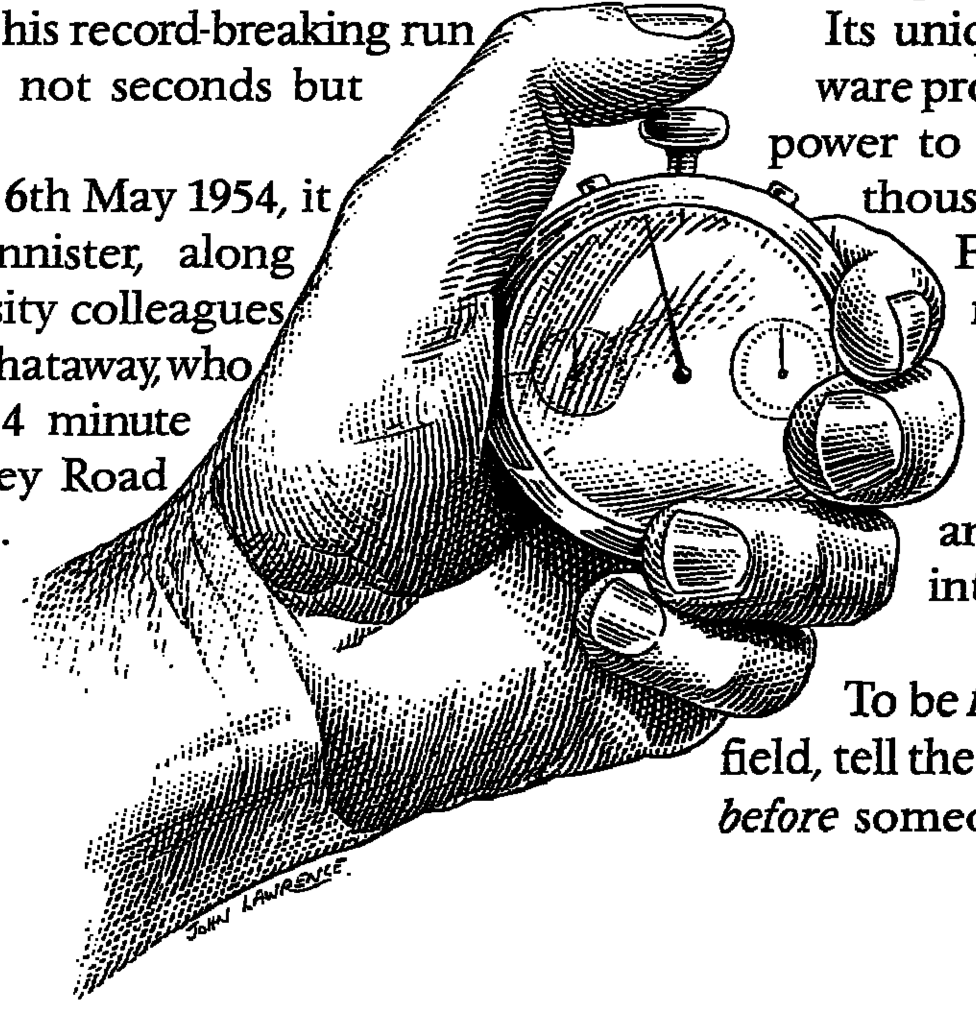

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Shamir finds welcome in West Bank settlements

From Ian Murray, Gilon Shomron

Election apathy may be widespread in Israel, but that is not true in the hilltop settlements of what the right calls *mercaz ha-eretz* (the heart of the country) in ancient Samaria. The region is in the north of what the left calls the occupied West Bank.

Sure of his welcome Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, yesterday visited one of these modern settlements at Naalah. Between them the settlers in the territories have 54.270 votes, enough to send three members to the Knesset. They will all be on the right and will support none of the ideas of territorial compromise favoured by the left.

The left, however, has few if any supporters in Gilon Shomron, a typical settlement some 20 miles north of Naalah. Past the wooden guard posts at the entrance to the modern, neat estate, many of the houses are covered in the blue and white posters of the Tehiya Party, which wants *to annexe the territories*. Here and there are yellow and black banners of Kach, which was disqualified from the election last week by the Supreme Court on the ground that it was racist.

Jerusalem — Police are considering bringing criminal charges against three British journalists for failing to submit a story to the military censor (Ian Murray writes).

Andrew Whitley of the *Financial Times*, Paul Taylor, the Reuter Bureau chief, and Steve Weizman, a Reuter correspondent, have been warned they could stand trial *over a story which claimed* that Israeli undercover death squads, sometimes posing as journalists or Arabs, were operating against leaders of the Palestinian uprising.

There may be one or two waverers. Mrs Dina Fine, formerly of Hendon, north London, says her husband was given a lift last week from someone who was debating whether to vote for Labour or *Likud. "That's about as far as* it goes," she said.

The town is home for 450 families. In the past year, since the start of the Palestinian uprising, all the empty houses have been taken and new ones are going up, built by Arab labour.

People come for a combination of reasons, Mrs Fine said. The housing is cheaper and the air is cleaner than in the big cities of the coastal plains. *Yet they are close enough for* 90 per cent of the workers to commute every day. They live in a tightly-knit community, where the children run about the streets without fear of being molested and where people do not have to lock their doors.

But the good life is not the main reason they are there. Mrs Sondra Barras, a lawyer from Cleveland, Ohio, came because "as a Jew I can't live a fulfilled life anywhere else".

She remembered as a girl in America reading Bible stories about Shechem (Nablus), Hebron, Beit El and Jerusalem. "After the Six Day War they said we had captured those places, but I never realized that we never had them. If that isn't Israel, what is?" Her friends and neighbours all say the land must never be surrendered to an Arab state.

Rabbi Chaim Spring has three sons who serve in the *Israeli Army and nine grand*children who all live in settlements. He knows his sons are in danger "but if I could give back my house, would it buy peace? My house is worth the lives of my children, but that would not solve the problem."

No one had much confidence in a peace treaty. Mr Spring said the Camp David agreement had meant their former enemy was able to buy guns from the US. Since that had been *signed*, there had been no war with Egypt, but nor had there been one with Jordan, Syria or *Iraq*. A change to a fundamentalist regime in Egypt would make Camp David worthless.

"Here is a Jewish people of three million within an area where there are 100 million proud people, a people which considers itself to be élite. For them to permit three million to stay here they would have *to be a phenomenal people*. They find we are a cancer in their midst and must be expelled. Peace? I don't believe it is going to happen."

The Palestinian uprising has left its mark. Among other signs are a memorial to a woman settler killed when a petrol bomb was thrown into her car and the grave of a girl, aged 14, killed in a riot at an Arab village. Mr David Romanoff read a prayer over her *gravestone which proclaimed* she was "sacrificed" for the land. He said he had nightmares about his four children's safety but he would not leave.

"If the Arabs see us running away from stones and petrol bombs they will throw more of them," he said. "If we run away they will not stop until they have chased us from the country."

An businessman with *considerable interests* in America, he said, "We look at it as a duty to succeed, *spiritually and financially*. We are spearheading future immigration."

Cairo summit talks

Mitterrand backs moderate Arabs

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

Egyptian-inspired moves to forge a *moderate Arab axis* to pressure Israel into attending an international Middle East peace conference have received a strong European boost from this week's summit meeting between France and Egypt.

It was the second time President Mitterrand and President Mubarak have met in two months.

The timing of the talks appears designed to show *voters in next week's Israeli* elections that France is very much on the *side of those* like Mr Shimon Peres, *the Labour* leader, who favour the exchange of territory for peace, a formula championed by President Mubarak.

As the Cairo press revealed, the Egyptian leader used the occasion to warn the Palestine *Liberation Organization to de*fine clearly the borders of the Palestinian state it is due to declare next month, so as not to arouse suspicions that it would encompass all the present state of Israel.

Mr Mubarak, miraculously *transformed from a diplomatic* pariah into a central figure in Arab attempts to capitalize on the Palestinian uprising, cautioned the PLO against concentrating on UN Resolution 181, the 1947 call for the partitioning of Palestine into Arab and *Jewish states*.

The President, who has already succeeded in persuading the PLO to put off its declaration of statehood until *after both* the Israeli and US elections, counselled against the decision favoured by many *PLO* officials *to fudge* the issue of boundaries when the declaration is made in Algiers by the Palestine National Council.

President Mitterrand called for more regional backing for Franco-Soviet moves to use the *UN Security Council* as the vehicle for setting in motion the convening of an international peace forum, the central plank of Moscow's policy in the Middle East.

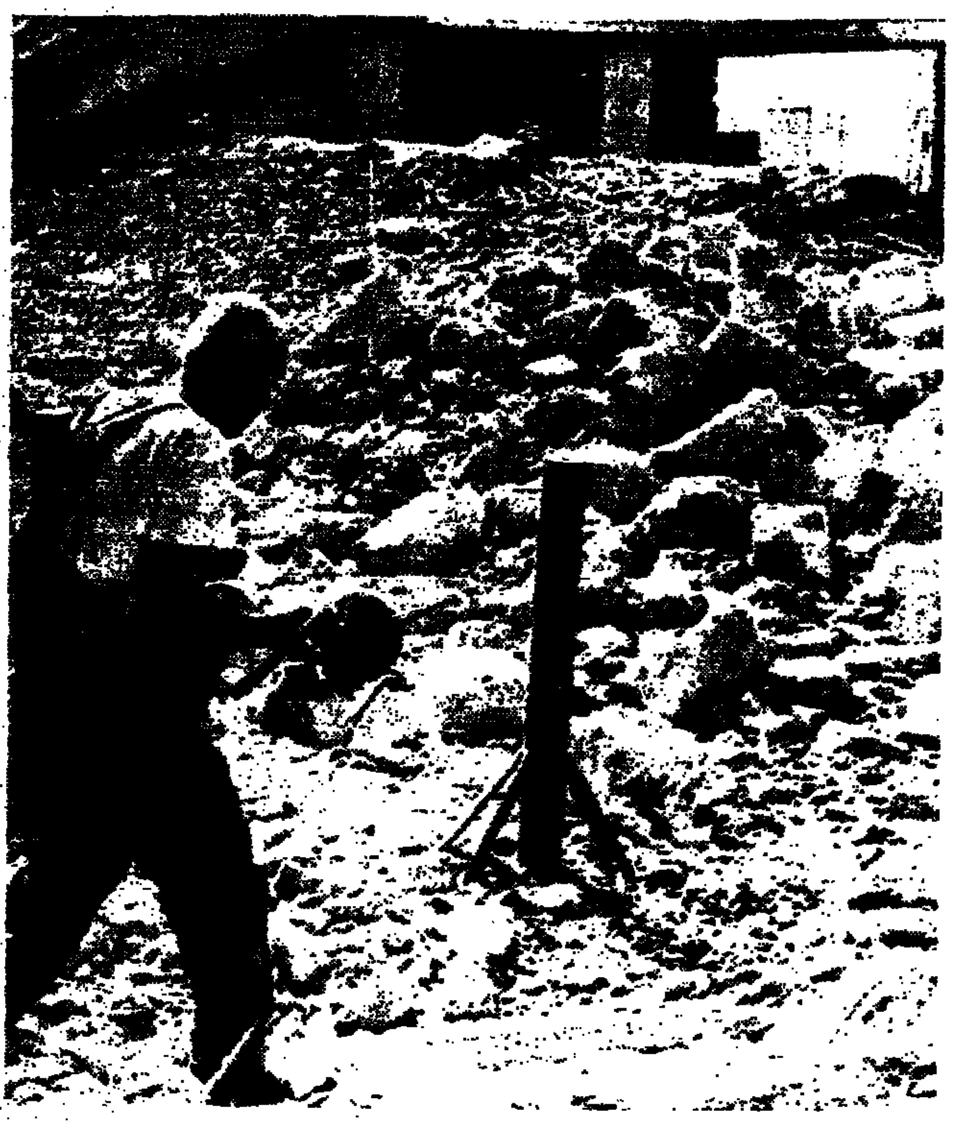
The sudden emergence of Egypt, the only Arab state to have a peace accord with Israel, as the catalyst of peace moves has won tacit support from both *East* and West. Egypt was also behind the calling of the two Arab summits in Jordan and Iraq last week.

Behind the optimistic rhetoric which *surrounded* the meetings in Aqaba and Baghdad, Western analysts now discern the makings of an Arab alliance embracing Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and the mainstream of the PLO, led by Mr Yassir Arafat, which is capable *of putting* forward a coherent negotiating position for peace with Israel.

The analysts do not underestimate the "spoiling" role which can still be played by President Assad of Syria and the radical Palestinian groupings based in Damascus, but they argue that this has been diminished by the clear desire of West Bank and *Gaza* Strip Palestinians for some concrete results from the violence of the past 10 months.

"The uprising has made it *inevitable that some solution* to the 21-year occupation must be found," one Western official said. "That means that in the long run, it will be harder for either Arab or Jewish hardliners to sabotage a peace conference organized on *an international basis*. Perhaps more significant than anything that is happening in the area is the growing willingness of Americans and Russians to co-operate in resolving conflicts."

Militia allies backed by tanks stage deepest raid yet in co-ordinated operation



An elderly Palestinian salvaging his belongings from the rubble after Israeli jets bombed suspected guerrilla bases near Sidon, south Lebanon yesterday. The air raids left 15 dead.

Israel bombs Palestinian strongholds in Lebanon

Sidon (Reuter) — Israel launched two air raids on Palestinian bases in Lebanon yesterday as its Lebanese militia allies clashed with Muslim and Palestinian guerrillas in an apparently co-ordinated action.

A Palestinian official said 15 Palestinians were killed and 40 wounded in an air attack on targets in southern Lebanon. Witnesses said Israeli jets later returned to attack Palestinian bases near Beirut.

Security sources and witnesses said about 200 militiamen from the South Lebanon Army, backed by tanks, advanced from their base in the southern town of Jezzine, 12 miles east of Sidon, to besiege *Libaa, which is held by the* Sunni Muslim Popular Liberation Army and Palestinian guerrillas.

The advance, the deepest by the South Lebanon Army in three years, was launched shortly after two Israeli jets bombed and rocketed three bases of the Palestinian Fatah guerrilla group near the Mieh Mieh refugee camp on the eastern outskirts of Sidon. A Fatah official said four guerrillas and a *family of seven* were among those killed in the raid.

Israeli jets later struck bases of the Marxist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine in the areas of Damour, Aramoun and Khalde just south of Beirut. Security sources said there were no casualties.

In Baghdad, a senior aide to *Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of* the Palestine Liberation Organization, said an Israeli ground attack into southern Lebanon had been expected, timed to influence voters in *next week's Israeli election*.

Riyadh (AP) — Foreign ministers of the Gulf Co-operation Council — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates — will meet in an emergency session next Tuesday *to discuss the crisis in Lebanon*, developments in the Gulf and the Palestinian situation.

Lebanese security sources said the raids appeared to be a reprisal for an attempt by seven Fatah guerrillas to infiltrate into Israel on Monday.

● **Damascus talks:** Britain and Syria remained far apart yesterday on the terms for a renewal of diplomatic links, despite efforts by a group of *MPs to promote a settlement* (Andrew McEwen writes).

Three of the MPs returned to Britain yesterday after the first attempt by Damascus to break the ice since Britain *broke relations in 1986*. A fourth MP, Mr Robert Hicks, returned earlier, after talks with the Syrian Foreign Minister, Mr Farouk al-Shara.

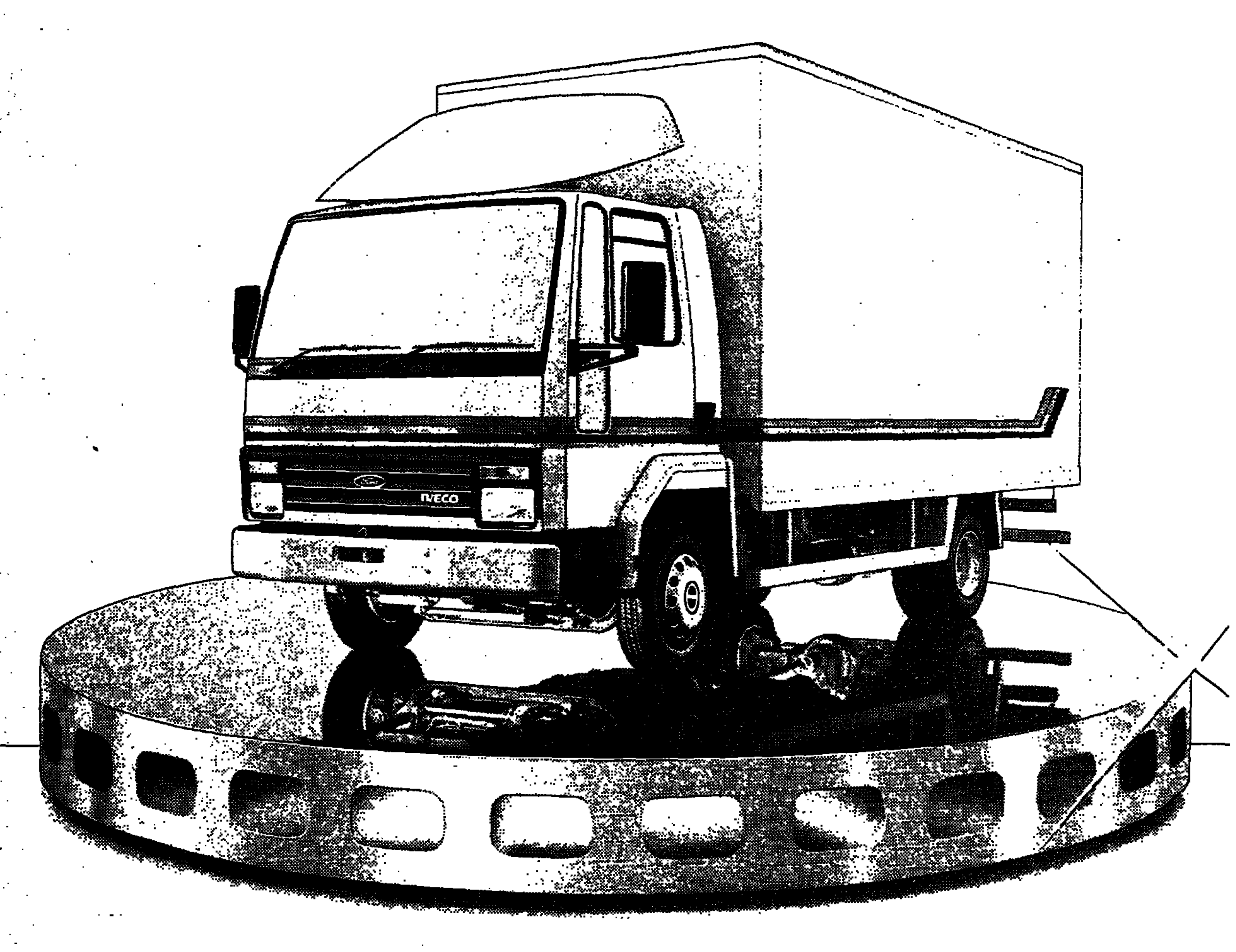
Mr Hicks, Conservative MP for Cornwall South-East, said that the Syrians were ready for talks, subject to conditions. "If a formula can be found which leads to a restoration of relations, then Syria would be prepared to participate".

*Behind this cautious sen*tence lies a wide gulf. Damascus wants an apology from Britain for, in its view, falsely blaming it for the plot by Nezar Hindawi to plant a bomb on an El Al airliner at Heathrow in 1986.

But British sources remain adamant that two members of the Syrian secret service were directly involved, one as planner of the operation and the other as Hindawi's controller.

Britain's terms for talks are that Damascus should demonstrate that it has turned away from state-sponsored terrorism, and that the two secret service men should be moved to less sensitive jobs.

The MPs say the two sides should accept that their demands cannot be achieved, and should find a form of words to enable a meeting.



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PARLIAMENT

Statement soon on shipbuilders sale, Newton says

A Commons statement is to be made soon on the privatization of North East Shipbuilders, Sunderland, after an evaluation of final amendments to bids which have to be submitted by Friday, Mr Tony Newton, Minister of Trade and Industry, said during Commons questions.

Mr Robert Clay (Sunderland North, Lab) said that British shipyards had been closed in recent years because there were no orders.

What would people think of ministers who closed a shipyard which had imminent prospects of two orders worth more than £200 million, one of which had been withdrawn from a shipyard in Korea so that it could be built at NES, Sunderland?

Mr Newton said that the building of the ferry depended on the prospects of ships being able to be built at a profit rather than a loss. That was against a background of huge losses incurred by British Shipbuilders over the years.

Mr Bryan Gould, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry: There is now unmistakeable evidence of an upturn in world demand for shipping and North East Shipbuilders is the European yard best equipped and placed to take advantage of it.

SHIPYARDS

"In these circumstances, would he not accept that closing that yard now would be an act of industrial vandalism?"

Mr Newton said that he had already referred to the background and the likelihood of the ships being built in a way that would provide a profit and therefore real jobs. That meant looking at the long-term prospects.

"British Shipbuilders had received a number of bids for North East Shipbuilders by the deadline of September 30.

"These are still being evaluated, with additional information submitted by some bidders, including a recent amendment by one of the bidders.

Mr Newton: Bids are still being evaluated

"The Government is concerned to ensure that every avenue is explored before a decision is taken.

"I have asked Mr John Lister, chairman of British Shipbuilders, to inform each bidder to submit any final amendment they wish by Friday, October 28. I will thereafter make a further statement to the House as soon as the evaluation is complete."

Dr Norman Godman (Greenock and Port Glasgow, Lab) had asked earlier if the Government would support Mr Lister where the order for a Mauritian ferry was concerned.

Funding would be available and the outcome was critical for the workforce of the yards.

When the yards were sold off, people's lives were bought by the purchasers so there should be decent terms and conditions for the employees.

Mr Newton said that he had discussed the question of the ferry recently and was closely in touch with the situation.

It was clear there was real interest in the possibility of the ferry's being built at NES, but there would be keen competition for the order.

Terms and conditions after privatization, which all hoped would be successfully achieved, had to be a matter for negotiation between the parties.

Airbus decision unpatriotic, Labour tells minister

British Airways' decision to buy American-built Boeing aircraft instead of the European Airbus was damaging, unpatriotic and a kick in the teeth for British industry, **Mr Roger Stott**, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said at questions.

He asked Mr Tony Newton, Minister of Trade and Industry, to ask the chairman of British Aerospace his view of the British Airways decision.

BAe had a 20 per cent share of the Airbus, for which the taxpayer had provided much money in launch aid. What were the implications for the long-term job prospects of people employed on the Airbus?

Mr Newton said that he was more than happy to ask the chairman of British Aerospace for his views, but he would also want to ask the chairman of British Airways.

AIRCRAFT

Mr Douglas Hoyle (Warrington North, Lab) said that Mr Newton should discuss the future plant closures with the chairman of BAe.

Mr Newton should remind him that Austin Rover had been sold to British Aerospace at a giveaway price of £180 million in order to provide a British motor industry using British components and providing employment – not so that BAe would engage in asset-stripping on a grand scale.

Mr Newton said that as the select committee was considering further interviews on this matter it might be inappropriate for him to respond.

Mr Michael Grylls (North West Surrey, C) said that it was typical of the double standards of the Labour Party that it criticized British Aerospace for selling property in excess of requirements in order to invest in the business and improve Austin Rover.

If the company had remained in the public sector, Labour would have called for more investment paid for by the taxpayer.

Mr Newton said that the key consideration must be to do everything possible to ensure the real long-term viability of all these operations for the people who worked in them.

Move for tenant-voting defeated

The Opposition lost by 15 votes a further attempt in the House of Lords to stop non-voting tenants being counted in with "yes" votes in ballots on whether council homes can be transferred to new social landlords.

Despite protests from Labour peers on the third day of the report stage of the Housing Bill about the voting system to be used, the amendment was rejected by 128 votes to 113 – Government majority, 15.

Moving the amendment which would require at least 50 per cent of the tenants affected to vote "yes" before estates could be taken out of local authority control, **Lord McIntosh of Haringey**, chief Opposition spokesman in the Lords on the environment, said that there was no democratic institution in Britain which operated or could operate where a minority could have precedence over the majority.

Was it right that those who abstained or were unable to vote could be conscripted into the "yes" lobby?

The Earl of Caithness, Minister of State for the Environment, said that the voting process would take place over three weeks.

There would be no question of any tenant not knowing a ballot was taking place.

Mrs Edwina Currie (right), Under Secretary of State for Health, with delegates at a press conference in London yesterday to launch the Conservative Party's sixth Highflyers' Conference for women

Trade and Industry questions

Maude pledge on unfair trade

The Government wanted to do everything it could to investigate unfair trade practices in the EEC but depended heavily on British firms to provide it with evidence of such practices, **Mr Francis Maude**, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during Commons questions.

"We are pressisng hard for action to be taken against them where possible", he added.

He said that economic studies indicated that completion of the single European market would give a "significant boost" to Community gross domestic product and employment. He expected firms in all parts of the UK to share in that.

Mr James Wallace (Orkney and Shetland, Dem) wanted an assurance that when 1992 *brought in the single market*, firms in his constituency would compete on equal terms with similar firms in the South of England.

Mr Maude said that the Government had no power to put firms in each part of the country on an equal footing "because we cannot alter geography". The Government, however, could ensure that firms in the regions of the UK were made aware of the opportunities so that they could prepare themselves for them.

Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C) sought confirmation of an "embarrassing" report in *The Guardian* today that under the Single European Act majority voting powers, the EEC would compel the British Government to spend £6 billion of taxpayers' money on social projects and on Labour-controlled *inner*-city areas.

"This latest Delors initiative confirms that the EEC juggernaut is rolling wildly out of control. How will the Government stop it?"

THE EEC

Mr Maude: The general view is that the EEC machinery is under better control now than for some time.

Mr Allan Roberts (Bootle, Lab) said that the Prime Minister did not want the single market or any*thing* in the EEC to destroy the distinctive character of British banks. He wanted an assurance that a European Bank would not be allowed to take over Giro Bank so that that pledge would be fulfilled.

Would MPs get a statement on who would be on the short list to buy Giro Bank? What was the delay?

Mr Maude said that he could not answer the last question. On the other question, the terms in which Giro Bank was being offered for sale had already been clearly set out.

Mr Bryan Gould, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, asked what sectors of British industry Mr Maude had identified not as having glowing prospects but as being gravely at risk from increased competition after 1992.

Mr Gould: Minister obsessed with advertising

"Or are the salesmen of the DTI, including the head salesman, so obsessed with their advertising campaign that they have not bothered with this essential work?"

Mr Maude said that the days when the Government tried to pick winners had long gone. The record of the Labour Government in the 1970s, in trying to pick the sectors which would be "the ones for the future", had been a disastrous failure.

Highly competitive firms which prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the single market would do well. The less competitive would do less well.

Mr Spencer Batiste (Elmet, C) said that the Government might not be able to change the geography but it could ensure that industry anywhere had equal access to the Channel tunnel and the transport infrastructure without unnecessary bureaucratic red tape. He did not want "a new barrier" for northern industry on the Thames.

Mr Maude said that when the arrangements were finalized, the Government intended that the checks and hindrances of transport between the UK and the Continent would be as minimal as practicable.

More jobs in docklands

Projects promoted by the *London Docklands* Development Corporation since 1981 have led to 1,560 jobs for local people, **Mr Tony Newton**, Minister of Trade and Industry, said at question time. A further 2,120 jobs have been created in 200 firms by grants from the LDDC.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, Dem) had asked for urgent consultations between ministers concerned leading to action to reverse the pattern of loss of jobs for local people in London docklands.

He asked the minister to look at *a proposal for development of* Bombay Wharf, which threatened 70 traditional jobs for local people.

"Can we have an assurance of jobs for locals not just for those outside?"

Mr Newton added that much wider job creation had occurred as a result of the activities of the LDDC.

Mr Sydney Chapman (Chipping Barnet, C) said that environmental improvement schemes, often carried out at little cost, could be the best incentive to encourage businesses and people into derelict areas. He asked the minister to promote such schemes, often using local labour.

Mr Newton said that in general terms he could give that assurance. He hoped that private-sector initiatives would also take the point.

Mr Edward Loyden (Liverpool, Garston, Lab) said that money being spent through most Government agencies was having virtually no impact on hard-core unemployment in the inner cities.

"Unemployment will not be shifted off the agenda by the Government's silence on the issue."

Mr Newton: I am not satisfied *with the level of unemployment* in inner-city areas. The purpose of a large number of programmes is to reduce it and they are doing that with increasing success.

Paper on French aid is delayed

A five-page document giving the reasons why the EEC Commission approved French Government aid to a fibre-producing company in July was still not available for him to comment on because of delays in the Commission's translation section, **Mr Alan Clark**, Minister for Trade, said during question time.

Mr Graham Riddick (Colne Valley, C) had asked for the latest position on the French Government's "allegedly illegal subsidy to *Filature du Hainault* to manufacture polypropylene filament yarn".

Mr Clark said that the Commission had announced that it had approved the aid and that the aid did not conflict with the Community's synthetic fibres discipline.

Mr Riddick said that the French Government had pulled a fast one and it would result in *unfair competition* for a company in his constituency.

Lawyers 'may have to work'

The proposals by the Lord Chancellor for the reform of the legal profession would come as a bit of a shock for some who would have to *earn their living for once*, **Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark** (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C) observed during questions.

Mr Francis Maude, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said that there were still a good many restrictive practices in the professions, and pointed out that the purpose of the system of control proposed in a Green Paper *earlier* this year was to ensure proper scrutiny in each.

Anti-vandal campaign

Mr John Butcher, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, is to meet representatives of local education authorities soon in an effort to reduce vandal*ism and arson in schools* and colleges by further joint action, he said in a written reply.

He said that vandalism in schols cost £26 million and arson £23 million in England and Wales, according to 1986 figures. Such damage and cost was unacceptable. Data for colleges of further and higher education had not been available.

The department would also initiate a further study to monitor the extent of vandalism and arson in schools and colleges in 1988 and in successive years.

Emergencies working party

The Government is considering a proposal for an inter-disciplinary working party to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on nuclear accident emergencies, **Mr Douglas Hurd**, Home Secretary, said in a written reply.

Mr Dafydd Thomas (Meirionnydd Nant Conwy, Pl C) had asked whether he had received representations from the County Emergency Planning Officers Society about the idea.

Waiting lists

Lord Hesketh, a Government spokesman, announced during questions in the Lords that in-patient hospital waiting lists stood at 678,000 at the end of March. That was 1.3 per cent lower than in March 1987 and almost 10 per cent lower than March 1979.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury; Prime Minister. European Communities (Finance) Bill, remaining stages.
Lords (3): Housing Bill, report, fourth day.

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'No win, no fee' Bill introduced

A Bill allowing solicitors and barristers to come to "no win, no fee" arrangements with their clients in civil cases was read a first time in the Commons.

It was introduced under the 10-minute rule by **Mr Quentin Davies** (Stamford and Spalding, C), who said that far too few people effectively had access to the civil justice system.

Because of the high cost of litigation, the decision for the broad mass of the population to go to law was to toy with the risk of financial catastrophe.

Laywers should be allowed, where they wished and where their clients so chose, to come to an arrangement based on contingency fees.

The solicitor or barrister would agree in advance to take a pre-arranged share of any damages which the client might be awarded. In the event of failure, he would get nothing. "No win, no fee."

"My Bill would have the effect of outlawing and disbarring the restrictive practices operated by the Law Society and by the Bar Council that prevent their members from coming to this arrangement."

He rejected the objection that the scheme would undermine the objectivity of lawyers. The whole system of adversarial justice was based on the recognition that lawyers were not objective but on the side of their clients.

Because of the lack of time, the Bill cannot become law in this session.

Health and Medicines Bill

Warning for Government

The following report of a Lords third reading debate on the Health and Medicines Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

Peers warned the Government not to reverse a House of Lords defeat by reimposing charges for eye and dental checks under the Bill.

The Lords had removed from the Bill at the committee stage the Government's proposals for introducing charges of an estimated £10 for an eye test and £3 for a dental examination.

The Bill, which mainly focuses on the ability to generate extra funds for the NHS, was given a third reading in the Lords.

Lord Mottistone (C) said that to reverse the Lords decision on eye and dental charges in the Commons would be an insult to the Lords.

Lord Skelmersdale, Under Secretary of State for Social Security, said that he could not comment on the speculation about the fate of the Lords amendment in the Commons.

Earlier, some peers had complained that the Secretary of State for Health could block publication of research work commissioned by his department. They pressed a cross-party amendment to ensure publication, but it was defeated by 144 votes to 99 – Government majority, 45.

Lord Russell (Dem), moving it, said that permission was now needed before researchers could publish the results of their work. It was a matter of strong feeling in medical and academic circles.

In a situation in which freedom to publish might be withheld, there could be an attempt by researchers to temper their work to what they believed was acceptable. That would substantially diminish the quality of research.

Lord Skelmersdale said that the Secretary of State intended to publish promptly such research work.

Since the revised contracts with researchers came into force 18 months ago, there had not been a single case of publication being refused. The right way to deal with the concerns expressed was in the contracts themselves.

Problem of inflation is laid at Lawson's door

The following report of later speeches in a Commons debate on an Opposition motion condemning the Government's mismanagement of the economy appeared in later editions yesterday.

Mr Alan Beith, Democrat Treasury spokesman, said that the greatest immediate problem faced by the Chancellor was inflation, but he had helped to generate this by his own policies.

Balance of payments problems and trade-balance problems were real problems in the real economy. The idea that they were easier to finance because they existed in the private sector did not stand up.

Mr Timothy Raison (Aylesbury, C) said he hoped that the Government would not freeze child benefit. "There is clearly no difficulty in finding the £130 million that will be necessary to up-rate child benefit next year", he said.

"Those of us who are asking for the uprating are not asking for extra government expenditure above that which was previously planned."

THE ECONOMY

Mr Raison: Appeal not to freeze child benefit

If the Government wanted to get away from child benefit that would be one thing. He would not agree with it, but at least it would be a coherent policy, rather than adopting one of allowing child benefit to wither on the vine.

It was not acceptable for the Government to say that it was not going to uprate child benefit after two years in which the economy had been strong and the funds were available to the Chancellor.

"That does seem to me to mark a change of policy and represents a serious back-tracking from the spirit of what was said in the election manifesto. There are many of us on the Conservative side who believe that it would be wrong to embark on this change."

He added: "In my party there has been a long history of support for child benefit or for the principle that those who have children should receive direct support from the state.

"William Pitt enunciated the principle. Back in the nineteenth century this was achieved through the tax system. It would be very sad to abandon it.

"Our support for child benefit is a very firm signal of our real commitment to the family.

"We talk about the family in the Conservative Party. We are absolutely right to do so. But there is no more clear-cut token of our support for the family than child benefit. Long may it remain so."

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, said that the debate could have one purpose: to make the Government think again on child benefit.

There was still considerable poverty concentrated in families, particularly where the male earner was on low wages. Many of those who ought to go out and get all the means-tested benefit theoretically available to them still did not do so.

A freeze of the benefit would hit hard some of those families who could least afford it. For that reason the SDP would vote for the Labour Party's motion, but not for its economics.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) said that he agreed with the Chancellor that it had been a mistake to cut interest rates after the Budget. A policy of high interest rates would abate inflation and succeed. "I hope the Chancellor will persevere in a policy of high interest rates."

Mr Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton South West, C) said that the Chancellor "has received a very great deal of unwise encouragement from these benches as he has taken considerable chances with inflation, particularly over the past three years".

Mr Bryan Gould, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said that the charge against Mr Lawson was that he had lost control of the economy. He had presided over a borrowing binge. The unsustainable boom was most cruelly unbalanced between rich and poor.

"That is the cruel injustice of the decision which we believe the Government is about to announce on child benefit."

The Government had wiped out a fifth of manufacturing industry and the nation was still paying the price.

"The Chancellor's failures will subsist for a long time. The price people will pay for those failures will subsist for a long time. They will only be corrected by a new Chancellor and a new government."

Mr Tony Newton, Minister of Trade and Industry, said that the growth in output, the fall in unemployment and the rise in living standards could have taken place only because of the huge improvement in the performance of industrial interests.

Every other country was discussing in terms of admiration the transformation of the British economy from what was universally regarded as the sick man of Europe in the 1970s to one of the strongest economies in the world.

The Opposition motion was rejected by 322 votes to 213 – Government majority, 109; and the Government amendment, congratulating the Administration on its economic policies, agreed.

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SPECTRUM

Putting himself in the pantheon

THE TIMES PROFILE

DAVID HOCKNEY

In 1960, when he was a student at the Royal College of Art, David Hockney had a problem with his work. He was unhappy with the prevailing orthodoxy of modern art – this demanded big, abstract paintings, heavily influenced by the most admired American artists of the time: Rothko, Pollock and de Kooning. He found the style "too barren" so he took his problem to a fellow student, an American called R.B. Kitaj.

"I'd talk to him about my interests," Hockney has recalled, "I was a keen vegetarian then, and interested in politics a bit, and he'd say to me why don't you paint those subjects? And I thought, it's quite right; that's what I'm complaining about. I'm not doing anything that's from me. So that was the way I broke it. I began to paint those pictures."

In fact, by Kitaj's later estimation, Hockney's abstract period lasted about two weeks. With a characteristic Bradford literalness, he had rejected the whole idea of non-figurative painting on the basis that it was not actually "about" anything at all.

But this moment of rebellion was more than just a rarefied aesthetic decision taken within the self-involved confines of the RCA. It was the moment of the creation of the most successful artistic persona in the postwar world. Hockney's key remark was: "I'm not doing anything that's from me." From that point on his work was to flow directly from himself to become the invariably recognizable landscape of brightly-lit, gorgeously-coloured pleasure.

Abstraction had represented a cerebral anonymity. But Hockney's ideal was of an art romantically identified with the personality of the artist. Born and educated in Bradford, his early life had provided him with little more than the familiar, circumscribed trappings of the English provincial working class.

In addition he was a homosexual and, like Joe Orton, his Sixties contemporary from Leicester, he was to use his pursuit of his own sexuality as an element in his art, a gesture against the inhibited life of the provincial city. But, unlike Orton, Hockney was to celebrate the alternative life rather than lacerate the bourgeois original.

Hockney was born in Bradford in 1937. His father was a pacifist and Hockney followed his example by becoming a conscientious objector. He was allowed to work in hospitals in lieu of National Service in the years 1957 to 1959. Between 1953 and 1957 he had studied at Bradford College of Art and he went to the RCA in 1959.

His success was almost immediate. His technical gifts combined with his determination not to be trapped within any one orthodoxy made him a popular as well as an artistic success. As a gesture against the old rigidities of late modernism, his first show at the college was called "Demonstrations of Versatility" and, in 1961 after a visit to New York, he dyed his hair blond and, with his gold lamé jacket and shopping bag, became one of the many staring, owlish icons of the Sixties. He won the RCA's Gold Medal on graduation in 1962.

Through those years both the style and the personality became a part of the peculiarly successful British culture that included the Beatles, Carnaby Street and the mini-skirt. The gold lamé was a clear enough statement that the artist was at one with the glittering street poses of the pop stars. But also there was the Hockney character itself. He has always spoken in flat, matter-of-fact Yorkshire of himself and his art with a disarming lack of mystification and pomposity.

During the RCA years his paintings had moved from a very English realism, through abstraction into the commercial imagery of pop. He was by no means the first pop artist. Throughout the Fifties artists like Richard Hamilton and Eduardo Paolozzi had been evolving new forms and meanings from the detritus of an urban, industrialized world. But Hockney and Kitaj were to become known as second wave pop. They were to rely more on paint than the new techniques of silk-screen printing and they were to prove a good deal less academic than the first wave.

And, on leaving the RCA, Hockney was to take the imagery of pop one step further. In September 1963 *The Sunday Times* sent him to Egypt and then, at the end of that year, he moved to Los Angeles, a city that remains his home to this day. It was in these bright, sharply-coloured landscapes that he was to discover his utterly distinctive touch. In a series of paintings, first in Egypt and then, most famously, in Los Angeles, he created a world that was to remain his own.

The California paintings of boys, swimming pools, palm trees and slick, rectilinear architecture became the pop icons of the age. They defined a way of life, a landscape of pleasure, far removed from the narrow horizons of Bradford. Their subject matter was provided by the artist's own autobiography, by his friends, his travels, even his furniture. Hockney had found an art that flowed solely from himself.

In some ways his work to this day, 25 years later, reflects this same romantic position, a fact that has led to the charge that Hockney's art has never really developed. Certainly his paintings have changed in all superficial respects, his critics will say, and he has experimented widely with photography, printing and theatrical design. But the essential Hockney has remained static, generating only cosmetic changes in his work.

This interpretation was to lead the art critic Robert Hughes to comment: "Given the context in which his popularity mushroomed in the 1970s, it is no wonder that Hockney, the Cole Porter of figurative painting, should have been so often and so exaggeratedly taken for its Mozart." The point being that the artist, like the sun-drenched landscapes he loved, was all surface, a brilliant composer of variations on a single theme.

It is clear from the work of the later Sixties onwards that Hockney himself had seen the danger. The critic Edward Lucie-Smith explained the crisis he faced. "Soon, the precarious poise of these early works was threatened. Hockney's painting became increasingly dry, increasingly preoccupied with the wish to be realistic . . . Eventually Hockney found realism confining . . ."

From that period Hockney began to work on illustrations for the fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm, for the poems of Cavafy and, later, of Wallace Stevens. In addition he self-consciously began to relate his work, via both theatrical commission and paintings, to a personal artistic tradition, a pantheon of greats and included Mozart, Stravinsky and, most importantly, Picasso.

Picasso led Hockney to a new awareness of the achievements of modernist art in general and of cubism in particular that was to inspire his late photo-montages. In these scenes were remade from a vast number of Polaroid photographs to produce a kind of mechanical cubism, though one that was always executed with Hockney's lavish and seductive taste.

Such inputs over the last 20 years have been clear attempts by Hockney to insert additional layers of interest into his work in response to the enticing danger of the lovely but static calm which always threatened to overwhelm his Los Angeles canvases. They are, of course, a little too contrived to quite answer the criticisms. But then the criticisms themselves may have been missing the point.

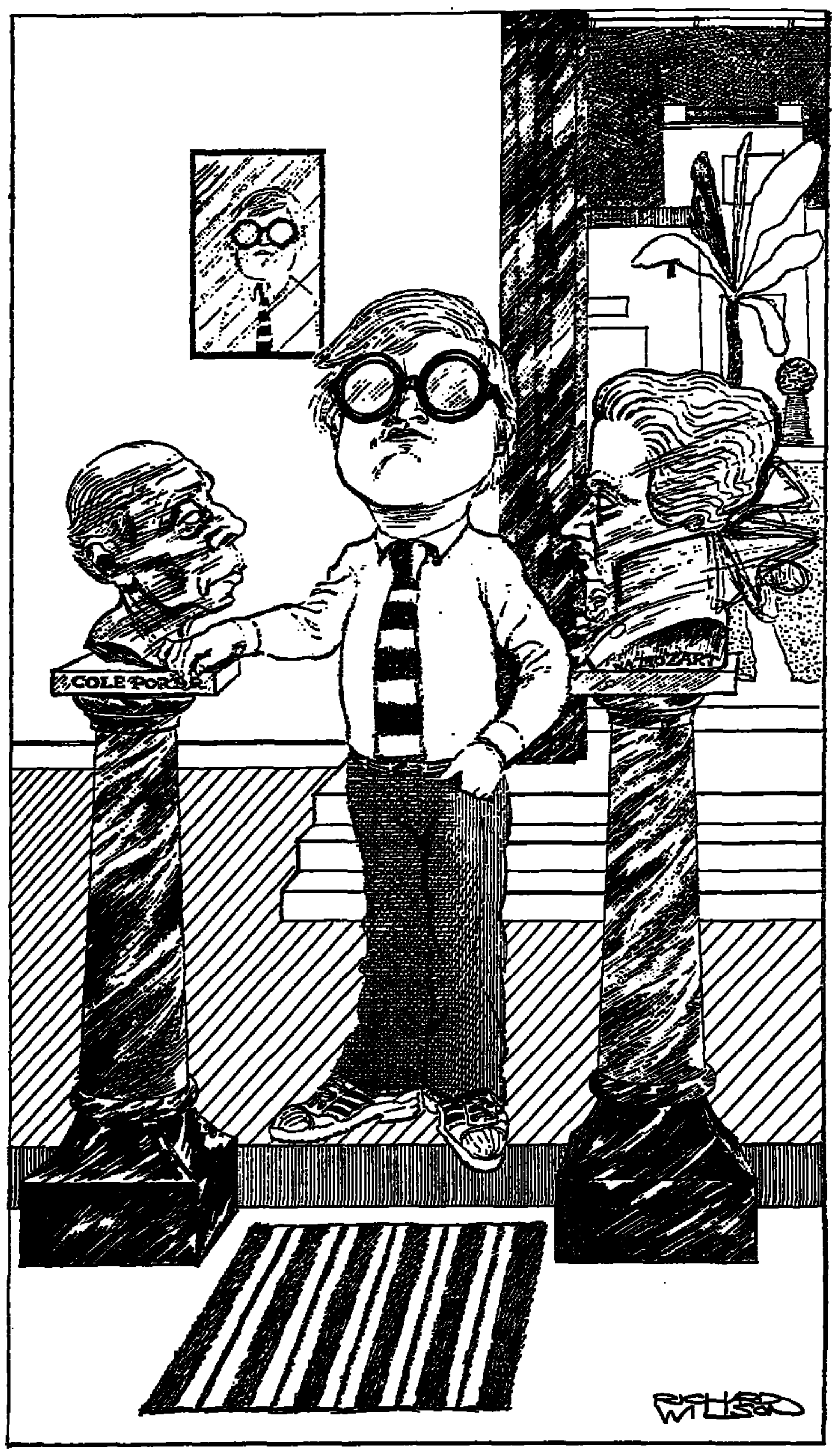
For Hockney moved incredibly quickly to his mature style. He produced images of colour and beauty with, apparently, little of the romantic anguish often associated with the artistic effort. The clarity and certainty of his style meant that it instantly remade the world – people sitting blandly in arm chairs, office blocks with palm trees and, of course, swimming pools can hardly now be seen but through an imaginative lens manufactured by Hockney. The increasing certainty and variety of his technique have given him a seemingly limitless series of tools with which he has been able to "Hockneyize" the world, to remake Egypt and Los Angeles, though not, in the end, Bradford.

Hockney's former fellow student, R.B. Kitaj, will in all probability come to be seen as the greater artist of the two. But Hockney will undoubtedly survive as first the creator and then the chronicler of an imaginery world that, for perverse reasons of history and psychology, could only have emerged from the bizarre collision of an amiable, owlish working class Bradford boy with the hard, revealing sunlight of California and the opulent, composed interiors of the wealthy.

Bryan Appleyard

BIOGRAPHY

1937: Born July 9 in Bradford.
1953-57: Studies at Bradford School of Art.
1957-59: Works in hospitals to fulfil National Service obligation.
1959-62: Studies at Royal College of Art, London. Graduates and wins the RCA's Gold Medal.
1963: Travels to Egypt for *The Sunday Times*. Makes first trip to Los Angeles.
1964: Moves to Los Angeles. Makes first swimming pool paintings. Begins making instant (Polaroid) photographs and working with acrylic paints.
1966-67: Teaches at University of California, Los Angeles.
1968: First large double portraits. Moves to London.
1973-75: Lives in Paris.
1976: Returns to Los Angeles.
1986-87: Designs Los Angeles Music Center opera production of *Tristan und Isolde*.
October 1988: Retrospective exhibition at Tate Gallery.



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Impressive, but not Impressionist

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A weekly look at the art world

Sarah Jane Checkland

Ever since the 1870s, when a critic coined the term to describe Monet's "Impression: Sunrise", Impressionism has been the province of the French. But now we are being urged to peer beyond their prism of colours. There, obscured by the dazzle, is a band of British bohemians who were painting in Paris at that time, but have never been acknowleged.

This story of lost and found genius is told in a bumper book just published by Studio Fine Art publications and distributed to all major book outlets. *British Impressionism: a Garden of Bright Images* (£55) is bursting with lavish colour illustrations "by kind permission" of patrons such as the Queen, the Tate Gallery, and (in the case of the prettiest ones) of a private cove called David Messum.

The problem is that, although it is not made clear in any of the 300 pages, Messum has a vested interest in pushing the book and its contents, being both publisher and art dealer. So why should we believe the claims made by his author, Laura Wortley?

On face value, the book comes across as a worthy if sometimes wordy exercise. It provides a useful compendium on art, both British and French, from the Pre-Raphaelites onwards, throwing in Whistler and John Singer Sargent (both Americans) on the way. But it does not address the question begged by the book's title: in what respect were British artists "Impressionists" in the true meaning of the word? This could be because, although competent and often fine, the work in question does not have an innovatory greatness.

It is pure commercial convenience to bandy the term Impressionism in their direction. The only terms under which British artists could justifiably be categorized as Impressionists would be if they had participated actively in the movement while it was happening.

But it emerges from between the lines that, although British artists went in droves to France when Monet was in his prime, it was more to enjoy the freedom of the *atelier* system rather than to seek inspiration from the avant-garde. Unaware or uninterested in the Salon des Refusées, most of these young gentlemen spent their time in inferior studios, copying the sombre style of Barbizon School painters like Daubigny.

One is even quoted dismissing the Salon des Refusées as "acres of 'dud' paintings", while another (John Lavery) says: "We foreigners kept together so much by going to the same cafés."

In vain, the text is laden with weighty-sounding names such as Wilfred de Glehn, Albert Chevallier Tayler, Blandford Fletcher, Frank Bodilly, T.C. Cotch. Apart from occasional encounters with the masters, they seemed to have spent most of their free time larking about, rather than in serious discussion. Subsequent "movements" covered by the book, such as the Newlyn school, Bloomsbury group, and Vorticists, suffer the double handicap of being neither contemporanious with the French Impressionists nor "impressionistic" in application of colour and concept of light.

But David Messum, who candidly admits a "totally vested interest" in the paintings, said yesterday that "in my view, it is totally right to use the word 'Impressionism' as regards British painting. In fact, we probably have more right to it than the French, due to our landscape tradition. George Clausen (1852-1944) gave lectures on it before the term was bandied around."

But any reader who persists with the text is unlikely to be convinced. This is sad because, as the range of illustrations shows, British Modern art deserves reassessment. But rather than gaining credence on the back of Impressionism (currently the most lucrative word in the art market), it should be appreciated for its own merits (idiosyncracy; a continuing feeling for landscape).

Usually associated with conceited poets determined to see their pearly words in print, "vanity publishing" has for some time presented a dilemma for visual art publishers. Although, for reasons of editorial integrity, top houses such as Thames & Hudson prefer arm's length policies with dealers, they are often dependent on them for the free supply of illustrations. For this reason, many publications become hybrid ventures between interested parties.

As regards contemporary artists, many valid subjects are turned down because of cost, and they must be underwritten by dealers to be published at all. In such a category are the books under the label of the dealer Anthony D'Offay. To his credit, however, *Old World, New World*, the book he has just published on Richard Long, states clearly that it is published by the Anthony D'Offay Gallery.

"There is too little art book publishing going on, and artists have had a fairly raw deal," an editor at Thames & Hudson said this week. He believes, in general, that so long as a book results, the end justifies the means.

The controversy over whether British Impression exists or not must continue until next May, when Phaidon publishes a book (one hopes impartial) on the subject by Kenneth McConkey, head of department of History and Criticism Studies at Newcastle Polytechnic.

According to Neil Dury, the Phaidon editor, "There is no doubt there is such a thing as British Impressionism. The book uncovers some fantastic painting by Sickert, Sargent, Clausen and Forbes." But another expert said: "These are rather minor people from the Edwardian era. I certainly don't think British Impressionism existed."

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A fight to the death

Evidence is growing that a fighting spirit can help prolong the life of cancer sufferers. Victoria McKee investigates the case of one patient who is determined to stay alive — and kicking

Eighteen months ago Kate Matthews was told she would almost certainly die within 12 weeks from advanced pancreatic cancer which had spread to her liver. Her doctors warned that only 5 per cent of patients with such a diagnosis could hope to survive more than a year. Matthews determined to be one of that 5 per cent.

"I wasn't arguing with the weight of medical evidence against me — I just wanted to outlive the prognosis," she says. "As a fit and active person of 40, I wasn't prepared to accept it."

Matthews, a single parent, is headmistress of St Leonard's nursery school, in Bloomsbury, and her remarkable struggle against disease is the subject of a television programme titled *I Want to Live* tonight. Her fight has been based on a mixture of bloody-mindedness and self-indulgence which should encourage those who fear the only road to recovery is a spiritual and abstemious one. She took up flying ("I shall still aim to die hang-gliding at 93"), and bought herself a bright red mac ("instead of a designer shroud").

"We're not brought up to give ourselves pats and strokes and bunches of flowers," she says, "but self-indulgence comes pretty high up on the list of learning to care for yourself. I also felt better when I started becoming interested in malicious gossip again — it's always been one of my habits."

It was this unorthodox attitude to illness that inspired BBC producer Joanna Clinton Davis to make tonight's documentary. She says: "Kate didn't have a radiant glow of goodness about her — people could really relate to her, I felt, because her healing methods are so unspiritual: shopping, gossiping, self-indulgence. This is *not* a film about miracle cures — it's about how you cope with potentially tragic information and keep your family going and yourself together and push death as far back as you can."

Matthews would undoubtedly fall into the category of "fighter" as defined recently by two cancer researchers. Maggie Watson and Steven Greer, of the Cancer Research Campaign's Psychogological Medicine Group, divided breast cancer patients into four types. There are the "hopeless and helpless", the "stoic accepters", the "deniers", and those with a fighting spirit. Recently a new category has been added, somewhere between the stoic accepters and the deniers — "those with an anxious preoccupation with the disease".

Watson says: "There is evidence that both those with a fighting spirit and the deniers live longer than the others. Longer term, 15-year studies show that the fighting group does better than the deniers." The Watson-Greer MAC Scale (Mental Adjustment to Cancer Scale) was published earlier this year and is now being used to assess all cancer patients.

When Matthews was referred to a hospice ("a real downer") she told them she was going to go to a homeopathic hospital and the Bristol Cancer Help Centre. "The nurse's attitude was, 'Why bother?'. I didn't feel I could talk to them about contraceptives because it seemed such a living thing to do, not a dying thing to do."

It was Matthews who approached the BBC. She sent in a training film which had been made of her in session with her psychotherapist. "It was sufficient to see that this was a woman of great character," Davis says. "She's very assertive. If she wants something, she'll go out and get it."

High hope: Kate Matthews, who tackles disease with a combination of bloody-mindedness and self-indulgence

Matthews is now "laid low by a virus that's really knocked her out", Davis says, "so she's not feeling as buoyant as she had hoped." Does this mean *I Want to Live* holds out false hopes? "No," Davis says. "Whatever happens, Kate really has something to communicate. She's courageous and funny but has her depressions and doesn't deny them."

Dr Michael Wetzler, full-time doctor at the Bristol Cancer Help Centre, who treated Matthews, demands: "What *is* false hope? People come here 10 days before their deaths but can dramatically improve the quality of their life in those 10 days. The focus is not on the length of Kate Matthews's life, but the quality."

Wetzler condemns the concept of giving patients a specific survival time — and commends an article by Dr Peter Maguire in the *British Medical Journal* earlier this month counselling doctors never to do so. Maguire, a psychiatrist, is director of the Cancer Research Campaign's Psychological Medicine Group at Christie Hospital, Manchester. He says: "I don't think it helps to tell someone they've got three months to live. It tends to polarize people into those who say, 'Sod you — I'll prove you wrong', and those who give up. There is some evidence that those who say 'I'll prove you wrong' do best. But they may be left with the sense of living on borrowed time, which isn't very comfortable."

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Maguire does not believe in a "cancer personality", or that there are merely five categories of sufferers. He says of the work of Watson and Greer: "That's too simplistic. We believe people are more flexible than that, and we tailor approaches to individuals. While I can predict quite accurately who's going to be depressed, I can never correctly predict who's going to survive."

Psychologist Dr John Hegarty, of Keele University, has pioneered at the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary one of the few hospital-run support groups for cancer patients. He says: "It is very arrogant to decry the self-help element of treating cancer."

Hegarty, a member of the British Psycho-Social Oncology Group, which concerns itself with the psychological aspects of survival, says that "you and your cancer can live together. Patients who come to me in a similar position to Kate Matthews ask 'Have I got a hope?' and I always say that, while scientifically there is no evidence that the mind can beat cancer, there's not necessarily a scientific explanation for everything." But he also, sadly, observes how many noble fighters die "while some very negative people creak on for years — as miserable as sin".

Dr James Thompson, of the University of London, a leading authority on the psychology of survival, is not convinced of the power of positive thinking. "My initial reaction is that I'd love to believe that if I was given a diagnosis of a terminal illness I could make a difference by going out and walking — but I don't."

He suggests that, perhaps, we should ask: "Why do we pick up such stories as that of Kate Matthews? It's like the one about the man who locked himself in a hotel room with a pile of comic videos and laughed his way to health. It becomes a factoid — part of the growing mythology about cancer. Most of it, I fear, is candy-floss."

But whatever the wisdom of doctors giving a precise prognosis to patients who are facing death, Matthews is certain of one thing. She says in the programme: "Little Nell may have died beautifully in a Dickens novel but I have no intention of going that way. I'll go out kicking and screaming ... leaving a few ripples."

● I Want to Live, 40 Minutes *(BBC2, today at 9.30pm)*.

Killing pain with a £7 pill

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

The 75 per cent of women who at some time or another suffer from such severe vaginal thrush that they are forced to seek medical advice will welcome the news that an apparently safe oral treatment, Diflucan fluconazole, has recently been released for use in Britain.

Thrush, due to the yeast *Candida albicans*, is a nuisance from the cradle to the grave but the genital symptoms, inflammation, irritation, swelling, discharge and pain during intercourse or on passing urine, are so memorable, particularly if recurrent, that it is frequently forgotten that the same organism is often responsible for other troubles, ranging from nappy rash and infected mouths in babies to sore gums beneath false teeth and inflamed skin under the pendulous breasts of old age.

The manufacturer, Pfizer, claims that Diflucan is as potent, if not more, than ketoconazole, the preparation which, although the safe basis of a new anti-dandruff shampoo, Nizoral, and an effective cream, has too many side-effects for regular oral use in all but the most serious infections.

Pessaries tend to leak for days and are so messy that research has shown that half the women never complete the prescribed course. Oral therapy is not only more acceptable but appears to be more efficient. Diflucan is not cheap. A single 150mg capsule may be all that is necessary to clear a genital infection, but it will cost more than £7 — twice as much as a single dose of Canestan clotrimazole pessary, the most favoured method of treatment at present.

Diflucan is also marketed as a 50mg capsule which can be prescribed for longer courses, one daily for seven to 14 days, for the treatment of oral, pharyngeal and rectal thrush. The occasional side-effects, when they do occur, are mild and well tolerated; the patient may occasionally notice headaches (under 2 per cent), abdominal discomfort or nausea.

Men as well as women suffer from thrush, which is easy to diagnose when the condition causes severe inflammation and ulceration of the penis, but may be missed when the irritation is only mild and inflammation non-ulcerating. If the symptoms follow intercourse within a matter of a few hours, they are probably due to a man's allergy to the yeast which his partner is harbouring, possibly in too small a quantity to give her actual symptoms because only one third of women who have thrush have symptoms at any one time.

There is at present a trial running in a London teaching hospital to find out the best way to use Diflucan prophylactically so as to help all those women whose life has been made a misery by recurrent thrush. Other trials are taking place to study its role in the treatment of fungal skin diseases.

Whether Diflucan or pessaries are prescribed, it is still necessary to take the well-established precautions against thrush. Weight should be kept down, tight jeans avoided, cotton pants worn rather than tights. Careful drying after washing is necessary, as is scrupulous attention to hygiene without being so enthusiastic that the skin becomes macerated by excessive scrubbing or by the use of strong or scented soaps.

Other areas of the body where the yeast may lurk must also be investigated and treated where necessary, particularly the mouth, umbilicus, rectum, and the skin between the fingers and the toes. Recent Belgian research has shown that wearing an IUD makes it four times more likely that a woman will suffer from thrush. Any patient with thrush must also remember that in 10 per cent of diabetics it is the presenting complaint.

Changing of the guards' armour

The crowds watching the State Opening of Parliament next month are unlikely to notice that the uniforms of the Household Cavalry are fractionally different from those worn by the guard to the Queen's father or grandfather. From time immemorial the cuirass, the metal chest armour, was available from Quartermaster's Stores in only three sizes, small, medium or large. But the present-day trooper is not only taller but also slimmer than his forebears, and some troopers are now so slight and have such a narrow chest that they would find it difficult to stretch with their right hand over the bulky old-fashioned cuirass to draw their sword from the scabbard hanging on their left. Brigadier James Emson, formerly Silver Stick, the colonel commanding the Household Cavalry, says that four or five years ago it became necessary to extend the three traditional sizes and institute another fitting suitable for the shape of contemporary youth, whose shoulders had not been broadened, nor his physique fashioned, by years down the mines or working on farms. Comprehensive schooling just did not have the same effect on stature.

Research workers at the Royal Free Hospital in London have also been studying the changing shape of British manhood. Their figures contradict the established view that changing height can no longer be related to social class. They have shown that the manual worker is still, on average, shorter than the non-manual worker, even though both are now taller than their fathers were (each generation tends to be an inch taller than the previous one). According to Mary Walker, a research worker at the Royal Free, the hospital's statistics demonstrate that not only is there a difference between manual and non-manual workers, but also between each graduation in class as defined in the Registrar General's classification.

Class 1 tends to be taller than class 2, 2 than 3, and in class 3 non-manual workers are taller than manual; in classes 4 and 5 the semi-skilled are taller than the unskilled. Doctors from the Royal Free have written to the *British Medical Journal* this week quoting figures which show that this difference in height starts in childhood, and is even obvious by the age of five; it becomes progressively more marked as the child gets older.

Differences in height are likely to be due to a variety of factors. As well as diet, in particular the amount of protein and vitamins, the amount of sleep a child has is important; more growth hormones are produced when at rest than when up and about. So that the street-wise lad playing late at night in the amusement arcade is not going to grow as well as the public schoolboy stretched out in a dormitory bed. Finally the belief that smoking inhibits growth is not just a myth, as the age at which smoking starts is strongly biased by class.

The Royal Free team, funded by the British Heart Foundation, is also making a study of obesity; there is a regional variation in this as well as in height. Tall men are more common in the east of the country, fat men more common in Wales and Scotland.

The soft art of eastern exercise

What's non-sexist, non-ageist and rather more fun that Jane Fonda?

Jane Fonda and her clones may have added music to their workouts to relieve the tedium, but there's no disguising the essential unpleasantness of today's exercise routines.

But if you are committed to 10 minutes of physical jerks a day, then there is another way: T'ai Chi Chuan, a "soft" relation of the "hard" martial arts such as Kung Fu and Tae Kwondo. The Chinese have been practising it for hundreds if not thousands of years and English practitioners are enthusiastic. "It makes me feel more poised," said one, "It's simultaneously strengthening and calming," said another; others talk of about self-awareness, inner strength, and vital energy.

T'ai Chi, like its fellow soft arts *Chi King, Hsing I* and *Pa Kua*, involves a series of postures and fluid movements which, combined with mental concentration, claims to exercise the whole body and refresh the mind.

The Chinese believe that it has a number of therapeutic uses, from the relief of headaches and asthma, and the reduction of hypertension, to the treatment of depression, back ache, and arthritis.

What's the evidence? Howard Reid, author of a new book on T'ai Chi, says: "I used to suffer from a recurrent low back pain problem. It's greatly reduced now that I am doing the recognized exercises."

Sue Blennerhassett, a former midwife, found a T'ai Chi teacher who helped her to develop the necessary physical and mental awareness. As a result she finds that she is "more settled in herself". Like many women she is attracted by T'ai Chi's link with the "hard" martial arts.

"Most people who teach T'ai Chi would say that you should only use it in self-defence much later, when you are very experienced. But a lot of self-defence is to do with feeling confident in yourself in a nasty situation. You need to exude a sense of confidence which makes an attacker think twice. T'ai Chi does that."

Reid is emphatic about the need to find a good teacher, who can put the movements in the context of the philosophy. He counsels that you should avoid teachers who offer quick paths to enlightenment and divine truth. "There are few true gurus, and those who do exist distinguish themselves, not by exalted self-propaganda, but by their modesty and humility."

One great advantage of T'ai Chi is that it is not ageist. It claims to be positively beneficial for the elderly. Chinese clinical tests show that older people who practise T'ai Chi or Chi Kung are in better health than those who do not, especially in terms of stronger hearts, better respiration and circulation and improved flexibility.

Sarah Jane Evans

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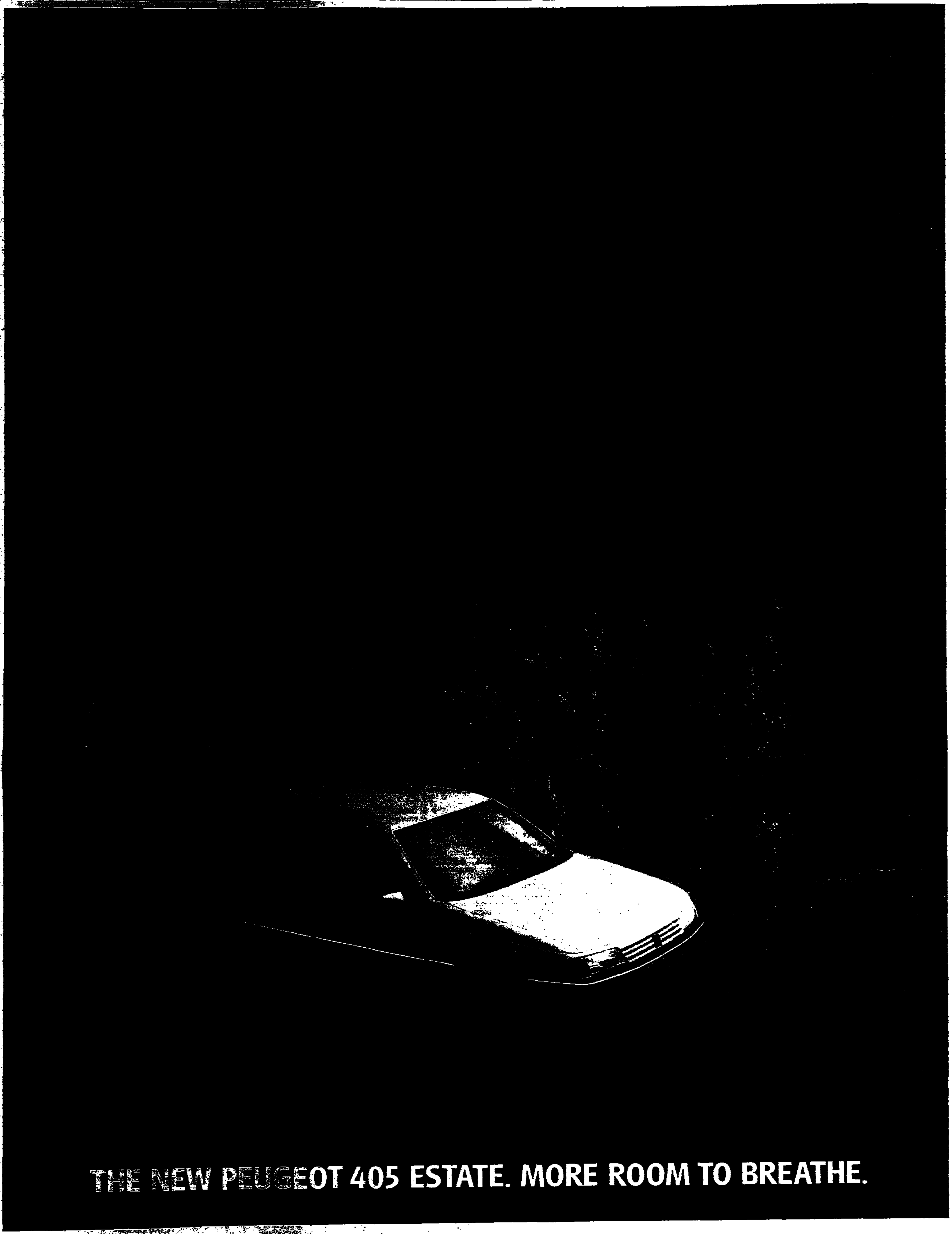

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TIMES DIARY

ALAN COREN

Odd, to be holidaying in a spot where the souvenir industry is based entirely upon liver. Generally a souvenir is a tiny building for keeping cigarettes in. A Taj Mahal, an Alpine chalet, an Arc de Triomphe, a Sydney Opera House. In the more breakable versions, you lift the roof and the tiny building plays "O Mine Papa" or "Waltzing Matilda". Alternatively, it is a tiny man for keeping cigarettes in. Shakespeare. Mozart. Plato, a beefeater, a sumo wrestler. Sir Harry Lauder. If it comes from Brussels, unspeakable possibilities attach, quite literally, to the tiny man's accommodation of the cigarettes.

In the Périgord, however, the souvenirs are produced exclusively by geese. Every other shop window is stacked to the gunwales with elaborately constructed displays of *foie gras*. You may buy it tinned or boxed or jarred, fresh or half-cooked or cooked; you may buy it *en bloc*, or as *terrine*, or as *paté*; you may buy it in an infinite variety of truffled elaborations; you may buy examples which have won gold medals at myriad *Foires de Foie*, or examples endorsed on the tin by talking geese. There are, as with wine, *grands marques* and *petits*: you may choose assembly-line produce or recherché little numbers lovingly hand-swollen by one man working in one hut, possibly only on one goose.

It is quite impossible to choose: mobs of bemused tourists amble hopelessly from shop to shop in the vain attempt to assess this offering against that. If you invite the opinions of staff or local *habitants*, acrimonious debates ensue as to relative merits, and you have to creep quietly away while the disputant gourmets are hurling arcane liver opinions at one another and seek sanctuary in the shop across the street. Where it starts all over again.

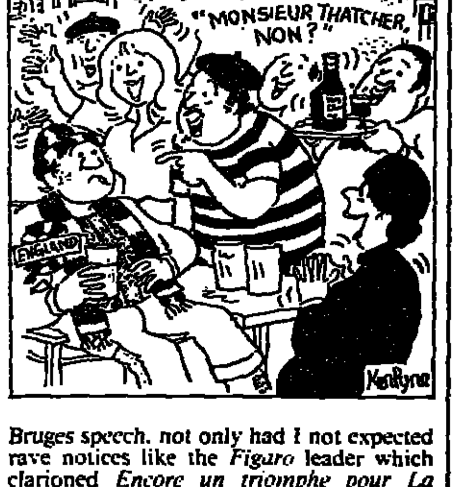
The sheer spectacle of the towering piles conjures unanswerable questions. At a median £20 for a 200-gramme tin, how do these shops carry such immense stock? In Sarlat, while the patron was excitedly button-holing my wife on the virtue of glazing a *bloc* with a half-glass of warmed Montbazillac on the night prior to serving, I ran a test-count which revealed that this somewhat seedy little establishment was sitting on around £40,000 worth of poultry-gland.

Yet more imponderable, given that Sarlat alone offers about two dozen shops and is itself but one town among many, where are all the geese? The averagely bloated goose-liver weighs 800 grammes, or four small tins. Scribbling rapidly on the back of a postcard, I calculated that Sarlat alone – just on what was being displayed, disregarding what they had in the basement – was offering the potted remains of some 20,000 birds. Where, then, were the living geese? The most conservative extrapolation suggested that the Périgord probably contained a million of them. The countryside should have been packed beak to beak, the roads blocked with waddling processions, probably standing on one another's shoulders.

In four days, we saw 11. This period included a night at a hilltop château outside Cahors which has a telescope for scanning a horizon 12 miles distant. Ten days on, my right eye still waters from a scrutiny which produced not a single goose. Furthermore, the dawns were silent. I'd thought geese cackled; I'd heard they hissed. But from a million beaks, nary a sound.

We bought half a dozen assorted tins of the stuff. Empty, they will be ideal for keeping cigarettes in.

An unanticipated pleasure on the trip was basking in the Gallic esteem in which our radiant leader is held. Especially in the aftermath of the notorious Bruges speech, not only had I not expected rave notices like the *Figaro* leader which clarioned *Encore un triomphe pour La Dame de Fer!* I had never guessed at the reverence with which the ordinary Frenchman pronounces her very name. They even go to atypically xenophiliac lengths to get their tongues into the unaccustomed interdental position, to avoid ending up with "Satcher". I could not recall anything like it since the days when Frenchmen would rush up to me in the street, shake my hand, and cry "Bobby Sharltoon!".



The esteem, mind, is not political. It is the adulation of stardom, virtually irrespective of principle or action. Mrs Thatcher is, *tout simple*, the most famous woman in the world, and there is no question but that a little of the awe with which the French regard this tabloid achievement rubs off, willy-nilly, on the visiting Briton. It has not been thus for some time, possibly since Churchill, and I have to say that it is not unpleasing – whatever guilts, for whatever reasons, may go with one's simpering acquiescence in their plaudits.

Hurtling homeward on the N19, we spotted a signpost to Colombey-les-deux-Eglises, allowed curiosity a brief detour, and, in the shadow of the enormous memorial Cross of Lorraine which commands the landscape in metaphorical echo of that earlier dominance, fell into conversation with a Frenchman who, within three sentences, was bracketing de Gaulle and Thatcher as visionary giants.

Does there spring to mind a commemorative symbol which, one day, we should erect on a green hill without the city wall of Grantham? It has not yet sprung to mine, but if you can come up with one which fits posterity's bill, there's a tin of *foie gras* in it for the winner.

John Patten responds to *The Times* series on jury failings

Imperfect but in the clear

I have never served on a jury, so it has been as interesting for me to read what *The Times* has had to say this week about juries and their problems as it has been to talk to people who have served on them.

If the jury system is to continue, we have to accept that jurors are not the permanent representatives of a professional caste but as close as possible to the ideal of twelve men and women good and true. By its very nature, the jury system contains chance, human foible and individual prejudice.

The Government recognizes that some risks are involved and is doing what it can to minimize them. But to suggest that the average jury is made up of a few honest citizens outvoted by lawless bigots, or largely composed of people unable or disinclined to grasp issues, is another matter; I do not believe it.

Clearly, feelings in the jury room sometimes run high. This is right when reputation as well as liberty is at stake. But the occasional scepticism and high feelings of the jury room do not necessarily mean malice. Our system requires the prosecution to prove its case "beyond reasonable doubt".

I accept that, as a consequence, some guilty people may escape. That is the price we pay to be confident of not convicting the innocent.

A stark warning for any offender banking on a soft jury is contained in the simple arithmetic; in total, juries acquit only one in 16 of those sent for trial at the Crown Court.

To be sent for trial at the Crown Court is not to be judged guilty in advance, and I do not want to see a single false verdict there – in either direction.

Two big questions must be asked. First, can anyone say with any claim to accuracy what tiny fraction of that one in 16 have benefited from the failings of the jury system, rather than been saved by legitimate doubts of their guilt? Second, how exactly can one remedy those failings without risking prejudice to the innocent?

I cannot answer accurately the first question, and it is inherent in our jury system that no one ever will be able to do so with certainty, but the Home Secretary and I can try to do everything possible to answer the second.

We are not clear whether the complaints voiced concerning the jury system are that it is a lottery – or that it shows a systematic inbuilt class bias. Are critics of the system really urging us to disqualify someone who does not have a house, someone who does not have a job, someone who does not have a professional qualification? Such proposals would over-correct the system straight back into the 19th century.

It is disquieting when, sometimes, things go wrong, and there *are* problems which could never be fully solved save by the abolition of the jury system. But the Government constantly seeks to improve it, and we are doing so in the following ways.

First, with the co-operation of the police, court officials will regularly check a random sample of the jury panel to see that they are not disqualified because of criminal convictions. This measure is very important. It will not make jury selection foolproof but it will mean that those disqualified by law will be much more likely to be spotted and excluded.

Second, in the 1988 Criminal Justice Act, we have ended the right of the defence to challenge potential jurors peremptorily, without reason. To me, it seems deeply offensive to the average potential juror to be removed simply on his or her appearance. Our view was that peremptory challenges were being used to pick a jury thought likely to show some sex, age, class or other bias in favour of the defence. If there is a reason to challenge someone's ability to serve on the jury, then of course the defence will continue to have that right. By this single measure we have disposed of all concern that, for example, only young men in denims are welcome in the jury room, and anyone wearing a tie can go home.

Third, it is wrong that criminals who have narrowly avoided custody, but rather were given a suspended sentence, community service order or probation, could immediately serve as jurors, and that has been remedied.

Fourth, we want the pool of experienced women and men to be even larger, and that's why people between 65 and 70 will now be able to serve on juries if they are willing to do so; during the passage of the Criminal Justice Bill I pondered whether we should not go further, even to the age of 75.

Fifth, the intimidation of jurors. The law can deal with any real threat – the judge can stop abuses in the courtroom; the police can protect jurors on those rare occasions when it is necessary, and those seeking or conspiring to pervert the course of justice can be convicted of an offence.

But it remains a fact that some jurors feel understandably anxious about standing up and doing a public duty which can be difficult and sometimes distasteful. Sensitive treatment by court officials is part of the answer; designing new courts so the jury box is not exposed or overlooked from the public gallery can be another, though it will take some time as new courts are designed and brought into use.

Incidentally, anticipating the call in yesterday's *Times* leader for stricter guidelines on jury service and excusal, the Lord Chief Justice has just issued a "practice direction" setting out the duty and giving evidence.

These measures are doing much to eliminate the occasional horror stories; but no measure can ever eliminate them entirely. Those who, recognizing this fact, wish therefore to abolish the jury system and replace it with something else need to speak up and say what.

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Bernard Levin

The point of no return

I will say this for the Foreign Office: it is consistent in its villainy. Indeed, it is more than consistent; it is positively fair. We all know by now, if only from the Foreign Secretary's article in this paper on September 28, that the handover of nearly six million British dependents to China in 1997 is to be carried out with no enforceable safeguards against the imposition on Hong Kong of the full weight of the fully totalitarian state that China is. (In the article which provoked Sir Geoffrey's reply I offered him the one decent excuse available for what he is plotting – that there *are* no enforceable safeguards, and it is impossible for Britain to hold Hong Kong free against the might of China. He rejected my lifeline, and made clear that the Foreign Office would rely on the "agreement" now being drawn up; no doubt he will then sign it, knowing that it is wholly illusory.)

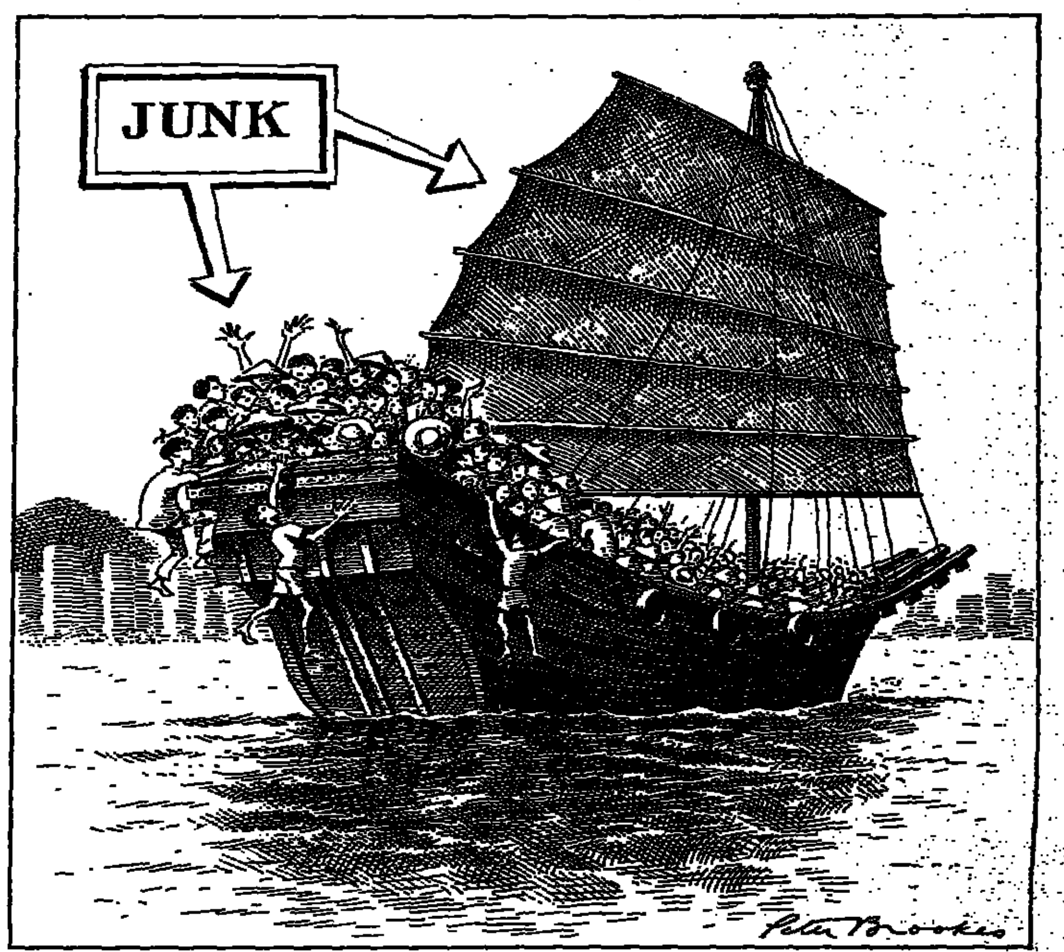
Now for the consistency. Over the years since the end of the Vietnam war, a number of exceptionally brave and resolute Vietnamese have managed to get out of their country. Some of these "boat people", as they have come to be known, have found havens in various countries; there are even some in Britain. (No one will ever know how many tens or hundreds of thousands have died or been murdered in attempting their escape.)

A number, estimated at about 9,000, have fetched up in Hong Kong. There they have been incarcerated, without trial and indeed without being charged with anything, in camps, forbidden to seek work. Yet they now face a greater peril than the storms, sharks and pirates they braved to escape from Vietnam – the British Foreign Office. For it has been made clear that these refugees are to be sent back.

This time, there is not even the defence of *force majeure*; the Vietnamese army is not going to invade Hong Kong to snatch its former citizens, and anyway Sir Geoffrey could hardly avail himself of that argument in straining at the gnat of 9,000 Vietnamese when he is swallowing the camel of the entire population of Hong Kong.

A new line altogether has been spun; the boat people, it is said, are not refugees from persecution, but seeking a better life elsewhere. (That, incidentally, adds a retrospective footnote to the Vietnam war; do you remember how those in the West who longed for a communist victory assured us that the moment it was secured a united Vietnam would be turned overnight into something indistinguishable from Paradise?)

The Foreign Office has been understandably coy about how it will get the Vietnamese to go home; if it comes to that, it is being even more tongue-tied in the matter of providing evidence for the claim that these are not genuine refugees. Nobody has used the word force yet, let alone the thing itself, but men and women who have entrusted themselves to the Asian seas in cockleshells, knowing that thousands had already perished in the attempt, are surely not going back quietly.



First, therefore, a curtain-raiser has been scripted and rehearsed; Opening Night is very near. The Foreign Office has found some 300 Vietnamese boat people who have pronounced themselves willing to return voluntarily to their native land. These people, we are told, have received various kinds of official financial assistance from Britain, or in plainer language, they have been bribed. They will soon set out for Vietnam, possibly sent on their way with a speech by Lord Glenarthur (Sir Geoffrey can't be everywhere). They will then get a benign, and no less scrupulously rehearsed, welcome, and the Foreign Office will be able to say "See? They were all presented with enormous boxes of chocolates – what are the rest of you worrying about?"

Well, the better-educated of them may have read Nicholas Bethell's *The Last Secret*, or Nikolai Tolstoy's *Victims of Yalta*, in which case the answer to the Foreign Office's question, "what is there to worry about?" will be "you". That monstrous and unpardonable crime, in which hundreds of thousands of innocent, men, women and children (together with a minority of guilty ones) were deported to the Soviet Union, was carried out by a combination of deceit and force.

If some readers have only a vague impression of what happened, let me sharpen it for them with a single vignette. As the trains gathered speed, many of the victims threw their infant children out of the windows, in the hope that some might survive, be picked up, and escape the certain death to which their parents were going.

I can hear Sir Geoffrey's gasp of indignation at my comparison; he may well offer *The Times* another article rebuking me for such intemperate language and assuring our readers that nothing like that would happen. And quite possibly it wouldn't; but if I were a Vietnamese boat person I would much rather not chance it on Sir Geoffrey's say-so alone, particularly if I had been reading the latest bulletin on the Sino-British negotiations over Hong Kong.

I am not in touch with the Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong; so I appeal to my friends there to pass the word. It is a simple word, and I imagine that most of those to whom it is directed know it already.

First, and most important, do not believe *anything whatever* said in the form of assurance by any British politician or official, high or low, either in Hong Kong or from London. Second, and most particularly, refuse *all* invitations to leave the compounds in which you are living; pretexts may include a claim that you are going to a better camp, or that you are to be issued with new clothes, or that there is gainful work awaiting you. Third, keep together: prevent the authorities isolating groups of you anywhere in the camp. If pretexts run out, and there is an attempt at forcible seizure, tie or chain yourselves, in groups, to anything solidly fixed, or to one another; in any case, try to alert the press, as well as known sympathizers. Do not, in any circumstances, use weapons or even fists; rather, take a leaf out of CND's book – lie down and go completely limp. Throughout, make as much noise as you possibly can, not only by shouting but by banging on metal; you will be surprised how unsettling noise can be to people who know they are doing wrong.

And remember that if the authorities and their forces retire in the face of your resolution, it will only be to regroup or think up some more plausible tricks.

Melodramatic, am I? Perhaps I am; but again, if I were one of the Vietnamese concerned, I doubt if I would think so. This country used to have a fine record, second only to the United States, of generosity towards refugees. If it had been otherwise, I would not exist; both my father and my maternal grandparents could say of Britain "I was a stranger, and ye took me in."

That record has been increasingly tarnished in the past few years, culminating in the infamous decree that obliges those fleeing from persecution to seek the imprimatur of those who are persecuting them. But the wholesale trans-shipment of thousands of refugees back to the land they had fled is something new and worse; remember, apart from anything else, that some of the boat people in Hong Kong have been there for several years.

But see! Here comes the Foreign Secretary, no less, bearing assurances from the Vietnamese authorities that refugees returned to them *en masse* by force will not be punished or ill-treated in any way, apart, perhaps, from a few words of admonition and a wagged finger. But then, as with Hong Kong, if the assurances are worthless, it will not be the Foreign Secretary who suffers the consequences.

As they say at the end of the day's business in the House of Commons: Who goes home?

Commentary • RONALD BUTT

What price Sunday?

To television viewers the most noticeable change among Conservative activists recently may be that symbolized at the recent party conference by the emergence of the knees-up-Mother-Brown tendency, as skirts were hoisted over elderly knees for dancing in the aisles on the afternoon of the leader's speech.

It may not stop there. Mr Harvey Thomas, the Tory director of presentation, has declared his belief that British politicians allow their message to be obscured by leaden presentation. He thinks they should take a lesson from American razzmatazz and glitter. He likes the idea of "special effects", including laser beams and balloons. For all I know we may eventually have rows of British drum-majorettes whipping up the horrible synthetic emotional outbursts which enable American politicians to substitute the media for the message.

But there were other manifestations of cultural change in parts of the Tory party which could best be absorbed by being physically present at the conference. Among these was the new campaign to win over the party to the abolition of the collective social Sunday. The spearhead of this endeavour is a professional lobby, opposed by an equally professional counter-lobby. To judge by general reactions during a debate on Sunday trading, the campaign for it has some boisterous and coarse-grained supporters.

Although a favourite argument of the Sunday trading lobby is the illogicality of a law under which we can buy a newspaper but not a Bible on Sunday, one speaker thought it wrong that you could buy a Bible (from a cathedral) but not buy other things. "That's right," shouted a voice, "don't do what I do; do as I bloody well tell you."

To a farmer who put in a word for the traditional Sunday, somebody called: "I bet he never worked on a Sunday; his cows milked themselves." When a hesitant speaker began: "Sunday is a day when friends and family . . ." somebody finished off his sentence by calling out "can meet at Sainsbury's", which witticism, I suppose, touches the heart of the question.

There is common agreement that the present law makes no sense and is regularly ignored. The distinctions between what can and cannot be sold on a Sunday are illogical. The law needs reform. The questions are are how and what criteria should be used to determine what commerce is legal.

Two years ago the Government obtained a second reading for a Shops Bill to deregulate virtually all shopping hours and make Sunday trading legal. But it was forced to abandon the Bill because of opposition from Tory MPs reflecting the opinions of their constituents. Subsequently the Keep Sunday Special campaign produced proposals to maintain Sunday as a collective day of rest for the benefit of family and friendship, by prohibiting general trading but allowing shops selling certain exempt commodities (chemists, garden centres, restaurants, places of recreation and so on) to register for Sunday opening.

The pro-Sunday trading lobby (adopting the time-honoured camouflage of an anodyne name) operates as The Shopping Hours Reform Council. It wants total deregulation in the name of consumer choice. Its chairman is Sir Basil Feldman, his full-time director is Mr Roger Boaden, formerly of the Tory Central Office, and both Mr Tim Bell, who has played an important part in Tory advertising, and Mr Stephen Sherbourne, until recently the Prime Minister's political adviser, are involved. The campaign has a lot of money.

The battle for public opinion is on. Mr Tim Renton, the Home Office minister responsible, told the Tory conference that the Government would not be rushed but that his personal preference was for complete half-day deregulation on Sundays. That, of course, would be a thin end of the edge. The outcome will be determined by what MPs can be persuaded constitutes public opinion and how public opinion itself can be presented.

Democratic politicians are supposed to represent in action what they think the public wants, or at least what they think they can represent it as wanting. But how is public opinion moved? Sometimes it makes itself known spontaneously and action must be taken. But this is not how it is with Sunday trading. And when you are told that this or that percentage of people want this or that choice it is a moment for questions.

Who really has the strong and motivated interest in Sunday trading: the ordinary citizen who might feel annoyed by some of its illogicalities or the people who want an extra day for selling him something? Who is *really* worrying about choice? Demand can be manufactured, and that includes a demand for Sunday trading. Though Sabbatarians are against Sunday trading, opposition to it is by no means purely religious. Speaking personally, I have no objection to buying anything on a Sunday but I do rather object to having people work unnecessarily against their family interests so that I could have that minor extra convenience.

Nor is it an answer to say that those who choose to stay at home with their families, or go to church, should have that choice respected, but that others should be free to work or to buy in a shop. Once main-street Sunday opening became general (some big stores do not want it because they fear they will be dragged into competition for not much more trade spread over seven days instead of six) the pressure for workers to take part would insidiously grow, guarantees or no guarantees. (There was a guarantee of conscience to safeguard doctors from an obligation to perform abortions. But although those already employed are protected, those applying for new posts are not).

We should beware the argument that other European countries are free of Sunday trading restrictions. They are not. We should not be beguiled by arguments about corner shops, though it would be sensible to legalize the opening of small and largely self-employed corner food shops for part of the day. What we are concerned with is not the specifically religious character of Sunday but its generally accepted value and utility in our culture. We should beware of having a demand fathered on us.

We should ask the question: *Cui bono?* who really stands to gain from all the money and effort given to this campaign? Is it really us, the citizens? As for the Tory party, it should remember that in a market economy, some things have a value beyond the cash price.

OCT 27 **ON THIS DAY** 1906

This bizarre incident formed the basis of the satirical play Der Hauptmann von Köpenick *by Carl Zuckmayer (1896-1977). Staged and filmed in Germany, it was adapted by John Mortimer as* The Captain of Köpenick *and given its British première, starring Paul Scofield, at the National Theatre in 1971.*

THE KÖPENICK RAID

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

BERLIN, OCT 26

The "Captain of Köpenick," the clever thief who on October 16, disguised as an officer of the 1st Foot Guards, took command of a detachment of ten guardsmen, captured and deported the Burgomaster and the Municipal Treasurer of Köpenick, and robbed the Municipal Treasury of 4,000 marks (£200), was arrested at his lodging in Berlin this morning shortly before 8 o'clock. The hero of this extraordinary adventure turns out to be a shoemaker named Wilhelm Voigt, who is 57 years of age and is so much of an "old gaol-bird" that he has spent 27 years of his life in prison. The most remarkable thing about him is that he has never served in the army, since he was twice arrested for theft in the years 1863 and 1864, and from that time forward was constantly getting into similar trouble. The photographs of the "captain" which are reproduced in the newspapers represent him as a broken-down old fellow, and only make the deception which he practised at Köpenick, not only upon civilians, but also upon guardsmen, police-officers, and an officer of the reserve, appear more marvellous than ever.

When Voigt was cross-exam- could not understand how anybody could have allowed an "old man" like Voigt to pass as a captain without asking him to show his authority. To this the "captain" with a touch of his old fire, replied, "Sir, I do not know who you are. But even if you had come with your police president, do you think that I should first have entered into a long palaver with you? I should simply have said to the soldiers, 'Take those fellows by the scruff of the neck and march them off into custody'."

During the course of further examination Voigt told the detectives that he nearly "lost control of his countenance" when the police inspector of Köpenick stood at attention before him and asked leave to go off duty to have a bath. He was so surprised that at first he hardly knew what to say. Upon regaining his composure he waved his white-gloved hand and said: – "Well, yes I suppose so; you may go."

The news of the arrest of the "Captain of Köpenick" has been received by the general public with a sigh of regret. Many would have preferred that the hero of the Köpenick raid should linger in the popular memory as a legendary personage, daring but elusive. As it is, the discovery that the "captain" is an "old gaol-bird" who has spent half his life in prison has not diminished his popularity with the masses, but it has stung to the quick all those who profess to be intent upon the maintenance of the present order of things. In view of the consequences the soldiers are blamed for their unreflecting obedience, but extenuating circumstances are conceded to them. In the case of the Burgomaster of Köpenick and of his officials, however, the wonder grows how they could have mistaken even for a moment the identity and character of the hectoring "old gaol-bird" who descended upon them in the merest travesty of the uniform of the premier regiment of the Prussian army.

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THE CHANCELLOR'S PRIZE

Chancellor Kohl believes he is returning from the Soviet Union with a pledge from Mr Gorbachov that all political prisoners will be released before the end of the year. If he has such a pledge, that is good.

The West German leader also says that the pledge is not a reward for Bonn's agreement to support Moscow's cherished project of an international conference on human rights in the Soviet capital. If true, that is even better.

But the prize Chancellor Kohl thinks he has won poses a host of questions. Some of them were immediately apparent yesterday in the reticence of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's press spokesman, Mr Gerasimov, who denied that the subject of political prisoners was on the agenda of the Soviet-West German talks. (The distinction between "on the agenda" and "raised in passing" is a nice one and one the Soviet press spokesman is fully capable of observing.) Other questions will take longer to emerge. They will all need answers.

In one important respect, Chancellor Kohl has responded impeccably. If he was given an undertaking by the Soviet side on freedom for political prisoners, however informal and however fleeting, he was right to put it on record — loudly and clearly.

The West now has an admission from Moscow, albeit carefully phrased, that it is holding political prisoners. It also has a date for their release. The Soviet Union has found it all too easy in the past to back out of undertakings informally given. By making it public, Herr Kohl has made it costly for Moscow to retreat.

It is now that the difficulties begin. Mr Gerasimov said he knew of no plans to release political prisoners. He may well have had no such knowledge before Herr Kohl went public. Mr Gorbachov is not averse to springing surprises on his officials. But Mr Gerasimov may also have been concerned about definitions. Herr Kohl and the West would do well to be concerned, too.

The Soviet Union appears to regard political prisoners (on the rare occasions it accepts the term) as those sentenced for the infinitely flexible offence of "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda". One Soviet source yesterday suggested there were only around 20 such prisoners remaining following a spate of releases in the past two years. Western estimates suggest that there may be between 200 and 300 "political prisoners". But this definition would include those convicted of petty criminal offences, often on questionable evidence, to mask their "real" crime of disagreeing with the authorities. It could also include nationalist activists (excluding terrorists) and religious dissenters, all of whom can be and are imprisoned on various pretexts.

Whose definition will be accepted? Will it apply to those serving out terms of exile as well as those in prison or labour camp? Will they be freed unconditionally, or only if, as at present, they agree to sign an undertaking not to re-offend?

Even if the definition of "political prisoner" favoured by an organization like Amnesty International were to be accepted by Moscow, there is a further risk. Many expect that the Soviet Union will abolish the offence of "anti-Soviet propaganda". If all those convicted of this offence are released by the end of the year, this would leave Moscow able to say to the West not only "there are no longer any political prisoners", but also "you *know* there aren't".

It is essential that a degree of flexibility remains. For its part, the West should resist the temptation to "find" large numbers of "political" prisoners to meet the end-of-year deadline. Hurried casework can all too easily be discredited.

The remaining question relates to Chancellor Kohl's statement that there was no connection between Bonn's acceptance of a Moscow human rights conference in 1991 and the prisoners' freedom. He may not have made such a connection, but it is open to the Soviet side to have drawn one — and to make life difficult for Bonn if its support weakens.

If, however, there genuinely is no connection, then what did West Germany offer in return? Was it just good publicity for Mr Gorbachov? Was it payment of a higher price for East German emigration, or was it something more substantial: a promise of more substantial credit on favourable terms or a pledge to represent the Soviet case sympathetically within the EEC? Those who today greet the Chancellor as a prize-winner from Moscow need the answers to these questions.

MR HURD'S CONFUSION

The Government's decision to bar the IRA and other terrorist spokesmen from the airwaves was always certain to be controversial. It was not bound to be the confused mess which is now undermining the purpose and effectiveness of the measure.

The ban was designed to "follow very closely" a similar prohibition in the Republic, the Home Secretary told the House of Commons when making his initial announcement last week. That parallel is clearest in the intention of the measure: it reduces the presence of a terrorist organization to a minimum and makes no distinction between "military" and "political" wings of any such group.

Some may feel that the aim of such measures may be achieved only at too high a price. The aim is perfectly honourable, none the less. The moral superiority of government in such a situation does not rest on it freezing for eternity every legal provision which has an influence on the course of events. It has a duty to protect the lives of the huge majority of law-abiding citizens.

A government contemplating such a move must weigh the cost of circumscribing freedom of expression and the practical enforceability of a ban in the various actual and likely conditions over the period in which it might have to remain in force. Having done that and decided in favour of the principle of limiting the IRA and Sinn Fein's freedom to promote murder on television and radio, the Government then had some further work to do in deciding precisely how the ban would work.

Yesterday's sequence of clarification and counter-clarification gave every impression that this work had been superficially done. When Mr Hurd spoke last Thursday, he described a relatively wide-ranging prohibition which appeared to rule out the "broadcasting of statements" which "support or invite support" for proscribed organizations and Sinn Fein, in addition to "direct statements by representatives" of these organizations. Those formulations begged some unanswered questions but they appeared to make no distinction between speaking about terrorism and republicanism and complaining about repairs to housing, drains and the state of the footpaths.

A distinction between these two seems to have been either made or discovered subsequently. It is important that Mr Hurd affirm, once and for all, that, as far as the broadcasting ban is concerned, a distinction does not exist.

The implementation of the ban was always likely to be harder in Northern Ireland than it ever had been south of the border because of the higher level of electoral support for Sinn Fein. Some 60 Sinn Fein councillors have been elected across the province.

One of the IRA's principal purposes in the current phase of its long campaign is to maintain a fluid and changeable ambiguity between killing and electoral politics. An organization dedicated to the careful exploitation of murder for a political end — the severance of Northern Ireland from the United Kingdom — markets itself as a permanent feature of "normal" life.

The exceptions to the rule which Mr Hurd mentioned immediately about the House of Commons and election campaigns are wide enough as it is. If the Government is ready to court and ride out the international unpopularity of circumscribing journalistic freedom at all, it should be ready to do so to some purpose.

Denying the IRA easy opportunities to polish its image as a band of community politicians is central to that. Restricting Sinn Fein's appearances to "local" issues may actually make the position worse by presenting it *only* as a peaceful political party.

TO THE AMAZON

It is one of the curiosities of modern Latin American history that, despite cultural and linguistic affinities which ought to have encouraged regional co-operation, its leaders have preferred hanging separately to holding together. Most regional pacts and free trade areas have fallen fast into desuetude. The most durable, the US-dominated Organisation of American States, has become a talking-shop.

The year-old "Group of Eight" Latin American countries, seven of whose presidents are today meeting in Punta del Este, breaks with this tradition. Its members — Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela (Panama has been suspended because of the others' distaste for General Noriega) — initially came together to consolidate the trend from dictatorship to democracy in Latin America. The presidents' present agenda is far from parochial. Debt, ecological destruction, the drugs trade and terrorism are themes which span the Atlantic.

Together, the leaders represent 325 million people. They owe 77 per cent of Latin America's foreign debt, which figures prominently on their agenda this week. Far from representing an embryo debtors' cartel, however, the group has begun to show itself a force for moderate innovation in resolving the debt crisis.

Debt and democracy are linked. The civilian governments which have replaced so many Latin American juntas this decade all promised economic growth and a fairer deal for the poor. But as they have wrestled with economic reforms and debt repayments, growth has faltered. In still shallowly-rooted democracies, hardship helps guerrilla movements and heightens the risk that the military will return.

The leaders claim to be strengthening regional co-operation to tackle drugs and trafficking, but are likely to place most emphasis on the need for tougher domestic measures by the Western "consumer" countries. This distinction between producers and consumers is, however, increasingly artificial. Latin American countries are among the fastest growing consumer markets in the world.

The presidents intend to reopen dialogue with the US on practical ways of solving regional problems. But they place even more emphasis on developing a Latin American foreign policy less dependent on the United States, with closer ties to the European Community, Scandinavia and South-east Asia.

These overtures are being taken seriously by the EC, which holds long meetings with the Eight twice a year. There is scope for more bilateral initiatives. No British prime minister has paid an official visit to Latin America.

The reasons for Britain's long neglect of Latin America — its lack of strategic importance, the absence of colonial ties and common language, the assumption that it was the United States' backyard and above all the repugnant nature of many of its governments — are less and less convincing. On drugs, there is already close co-ordination. It could be stepped up for the preservation of the tropical rain forests, where Britain's expertise in forest management is already in demand in Honduras and Costa Rica.

It is worth acknowledging the debt-democracy link: some schemes for debt reduction are not incompatible with economic discipline and deserve a more sympathetic audience. There could even be a case for Mrs Thatcher to break with precedent and take her green message to the world's Amazonian lungs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Weeding out the younger juror

From Mrs Virginia Gasper

Sir, Your article on the English jury (Spectrum, October 24) was sad but predictable.

Originally, jurors were selected from those who owned property (at a time when not many did) on the basis that they represented a responsible element of society.

Today, these same people are often excluded — first, because such a large group are exempt, and secondly, by the right of defence counsel to challenge.

Rather than raise the upper age-limit of a juror to 70, it would be more pointful to raise the lower age-limit to 25 at least. Being a juror is an important task and few 18-year-olds are equipped to deal with that sort of responsibility — nor should they be expected to.

The usual argument put forward when considering age-limits for the young (i.e., that if they are old enough to fight for their country, they are old enough to do this, that, or the other) is a non-starter. War is an emergency: jury service and most of the other rôles to which this argument is applied are not.

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Soldiers in Ulster

From Dr D. G. H. Patey

Sir, Mr Raymond Blackburn (October 20) makes a plea that 18-year-old soldiers should not serve in Northern Ireland and cites a successful plea about Korea which he made to Mr Attlee in 1951.

It should not be forgotten that 18-year-old soldiers, the "battalions of boys" of whom my father was one, played an important part in stopping the German offensives in the spring of 1918 and in the subsequent advances made by the British Army later in the year, which brought the war to a successful conclusion and which current received opinion appears to prefer to forget.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY PATEY,
Lilac Cottage, Golden Square,
Wakes Colne,
Colchester, Essex.
October 21.

From Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, MP for Wimbledon (Conservative)

Sir, No one who has served in Northern Ireland could have failed to admire the mature conduct of 18-year-old soldiers in the province. Their bearing is a tribute to their motivation and their training.

I doubt if any such adult professionals would wish to be excused service on grounds of age.

Yours faithfully,
D. GOODSON-WICKES,
House of Commons.
October 25.

Rewarding heroism

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. D. Sainsbury

Sir, Mr Alan McLoughlin (October 18) is wrong in suggesting that appointments in the Order of the British Empire are being made in recognition of gallantry, in Northern Ireland or elsewhere. With the institution of the Queen's Gallantry Medal on June 20, 1974, awards in the Order of the British Empire "for gallantry", which between 1957 and 1974 had been distinguished by an oak-leaf emblem worn on the ribbon, ceased.

The United Kingdom thus has a hierarchy of four awards for gallantry "not in the face of the enemy". In ascending order, they are: Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct, Queen's Gallantry Medal, George Medal, and George Cross. All can now be awarded posthumously.

It is, accordingly, quite easy to identify, in a list of awards for services in Northern Ireland, those who distinguished themselves in action; those whose gallantry was seen as "non-combatant", and those whose awards recognised "distinguished" rather than "gallant" service. And post-nominal letters fully reflect the differences.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. SAINSBURY,
8 Mornington, Diswell,
Welwyn, Herfordshire.
October 24.

GPs' changing role

From Dr Robert M. H. Lefever

Sir, As a general medical practitioner in fully private practice I am in some senses a budget-holder for consultant specialists to whom I refer patients and they, in turn, are the budget-holders for the private hospitals into which they choose to admit those patients.

The system works to the advantage of my patients in so far as the specialists change hospitals and I change specialists when we are dissatisfied with the services we receive.

However, there is one further link in the chain which Mr Clarke may have overlooked in his plans for the NHS (article, October 12; letters, October 22). My patients can drop me at any time and I will lose my livelihood if I forget that I am answerable to them. A general practitioner on the NHS has a supply of patients and an income that is largely guaranteed. Power without risk is not a healthy prescription.

Sincerely,
ROBERT LEFEVER,
2a Pelham Street, SW7.
October 25.

VAT apprehension in universities

From Mr K. P. Warner

Sir, Following recent correspondence on the subject of VAT and university sponsorship, and particularly the letter from T. R. E. Owen (October 24), I would like to dispel any ambiguity that may be persisting in some readers' minds on this subject.

We act for several university colleges, and while it is correct that supplies of education by a university are exempt from VAT, and therefore any related VAT cannot be claimed back, that is not the case on VAT suffered in making taxable business supplies, which may be reclaimed in the normal way.

Similarly, should a business choose to sponsor a university and that firm or company be VAT-registered and be able to reclaim all its VAT, then VAT charged on the supply of sponsorship would be reclaimable as if it were any other business expense.

I would agree that where the sponsorship comes from a business in the financial or a similar sector, then the VAT is unlikely to be reclaimable and will be an additional cost, but this is a problem "exempt" businesses always experience and not something unique to university sponsorship.

As a final point, the additional taxable supplies of sponsorship may well enable a university to claim VAT on administrative and overhead expenditure which is currently restricted, thus creating an unexpected bonus in addition to the actual sponsorship received.

Whilst there may be many problems facing this new method of funding universities, I cannot see that the imposition of VAT on sponsorship is likely to be a major stumbling-block.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH WARNER
(VAT Manager),
Clark Whitehill,
Chartered Accountants,
25 New Street Square, EC4.
October 25.

From Mr Bernard Cox

Sir, As in the case of other learned and professional societies, a principal object in our royal charter is to encourage research. Our discipline is concerned with increasing the financial efficiency of all organisations, whether industrial, commercial, or administrative.

In line with this object we have supported research and university chairs to the tune of £500,000 over the last few years. By way of illustration, our current initiative is concerned with the evaluation of corporate performance, especially in the light of short-termism.

It could be (weakly) argued that the institute, and thereby its members, gains some kind of promotional benefit from the expenditure making it liable to VAT. This would be counter-productive because there is only one pot of gold — meaning that less much-needed research could be supported.

There must be other professional bodies in the same boat and Nigel Lawson should stop the imposition of VAT on all donations to universities by primary legislation.

Yours faithfully,
B. COX (Director of Research),
The Chartered Institute of
Management Accountants,
63 Portland Place, W1.
October 26.

Glaucoma testing

From the Chairman of the International Glaucoma Association

Sir, The Government has stated its intention of restoring to the Health and Medicines Bill the clause, rejected by the Lords, which would abolish the free NHS eye test and require a charge of £10 to be made, leading to a saving to the Exchequer of about £90 million a year.

The free test has been the most important means of detecting chronic glaucoma before it reaches the advanced stage when the sufferer, at last, becomes aware that his sight is failing. Early detection means less sight lost and a better chance of preserving what is left. Surveys show that there are about 125,000 known sufferers and about the same number who are unaware that they have the disease.

The Government has talked of two concessions. The first would allow glaucoma sufferers to have free eye tests, but most already have regular free checks as hospital out-patients. The second would offer free eye tests to blood relatives of chronic glaucoma patients who are especially at risk.

This is to be welcomed. However, simply testing the blood relatives of known sufferers will leave exposed many of those who unknowingly have the disease and are losing their sight. Most of these will be pensioners because glaucoma is mainly a disease of the middle-aged and elderly.

The Government says, rightly, that some pensioners can afford a £10 test, but there are many who will not easily find such a sum. It is these pensioners, and there must be thousands of them, who would be placed at a greater risk of blindness by the Government's proposals. This risk has to be set against the £90 million saving.

May we ask that Mr Clarke does battle with the Treasury on behalf of those at risk, and especially the pensioners.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD PITTS CRICK,
Chairman,
International Glaucoma
Association,
PO Box 75, London, SE5 9RU.
October 24.

Paying for mistakes

From Mr J. S. Wilson

Sir, In his comments on the letter which you published (October 20) from the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Mr Alan Fisher (October 24), referring to Abbeystead, asks, "can the civil engineering profession really be encouraged by the fact that the evidence revealed widespread ignorance of the properties of methane gas amongst its ranks?"

It was not the properties of methane, but the circumstances of its generation and introduction into a water installation of that kind, and whether this was, or was not, something which should, or could, reasonably have been foreseen which formed the crux of the argument over the Abbeystead disaster. The matter was in fact highly complex.

Where accidents result from identifiable negligence or incompetence engineers should certainly be answerable, but they can only reasonably be expected to show competence, not omniscience.

A fund, as suggested by the President of the ICE, would enable speedy compensation to be paid to the victims, leaving the question of whether and to what extent any degree of blame might rest on the engineer and/or others to be determined in a calmer and less emotionally-charged atmosphere.

Yours faithfully,
J. S. WILSON,
79 St Andrew's Road,
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
October 24.

Getting to the point

From the Director and Chief Executive of Access

Sir, Your correspondent (October 24) questioned the effectiveness of making charity donations by credit cards after an Access contribution to Sudan was listed on her statement as "Mozambique Appeal".

Charitable organisations occasionally use the same Access retailer number for different appeals and, in a few isolated cases, the previous appeal name appears on the statement. However, I can assure you that the money is always credited to the cause of the cardholder's choice.

Credit cards are an extremely effective method of making charity donations, and many millions of pounds are raised by this convenient method of payment every year.

Yours faithfully,
A. M. LEE, Director
and Chief Executive,
Access,
Chartwell House,
365 Chartwell Square,
Southend-on-Sea, Essex.
October 25.

Family allowances

From Mr J. H. G. Woollcombe

Sir, Lady Jeger's case (October 25) for universal child benefit is injured by a familiar socialist confusion between *meum* and *tuum*. "The public purse", out of which child and other benefits certainly come, consists of other people's money. By contrast, a tax reduction allows us to keep more of our own, with effects on the public purse which, recent experience shows, can be highly beneficial.

If tax cuts and child benefits are identical twins it can only be because everything belongs to the State in the first place. I doubt if Lady Jeger herself really believes that.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES WOOLLCOMBE,
Hemerdon House, Plympton,
Plymouth, Devon.
October 25.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (01)782 5046.

Parent governors

From Mr B. W. W. Hurn

Sir, You report (later editions, October 15) only three areas (Stockport, Greater Manchester, and Rotherham) as having schools where no ballots for school governors were necessary. My understanding is that this situation applied in several more districts.

Certainly, there are many schools which held no elections. Nor do the statistics reveal how many parent governors were elected following intensive canvassing by other governors and headteachers; without such canvassing many schools would have been left with parent-governor vacancies.

The increased level of interest being shown is welcome, but still represents a very small proportion of the nation's parents. Most of them are keenly interested in the progress of their own children, but have not the time to devote to the task of being an effective governor as required by the recent legislation.

Finally, it would not be in the Department of Education and Science's best interests to hear of any schools failing to find sufficient parent governors.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD HURN, Headmaster,
Tollgate County Junior School,
Winston Crescent, Seaside,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.

On the day that Kennedy died

From Miss Carinthia West

Sir, By coincidence, I was cleaning out an old trunk when the Saturday *Times*, containing your article about John F. Kennedy, was delivered. In the trunk was an old copy of the *New York Times*, dated November 23, 1963, which I must have saved and forgotten when we moved back to England in 1965. The first 16 pages were devoted to the assassination.

As the 12-year-old daughter of a senior British serviceman stationed in Washington DC, I attended the National Cathedral School For Girls, a private school packed with the daughters of senators, congressmen, and ministers. My classmates and I were changing for gym when the news that President Kennedy had been shot arrived.

We were told to file up to the gymnasium to join the rest of the school in prayer. It was a Friday afternoon, a time when most of us were counting the minutes to freedom. Now, as the headmistress softly read the Lord's Prayer, we counted the minutes of life left to this handsome young man who was so much a part of our early adulthood, until the tolling of the cathedral bells, reverberating through the school walls, told us that John F. Kennedy was dead.

I remember Luci Baines Johnson collapsing in the arms of her secret serviceman (the next time I saw her she had two, for she was then the President's daughter). I remember my mother coming to collect me and the long, silent ride home, where it seemed as if all Washington was behind locked doors watching television. There were unusually blue skies for a November day.

Who knows whether Kennedy would have lived up to the promise he showed then. What does seem to me to be true is that, as two lacklustre candidates fight for the place he once occupied, John F. Kennedy, at 71, would have had a lot to teach them.

Yours sincerely,
CARINTHIA WEST,
4 Albert Studios,
Albert Bridge Road, SW11.
October 23.

From Mr Ossia Trilling

Sir, On November 22, 1963, in a week of reviewing the opening operas at the newly rebuilt National Theatre in Munich for your Arts Page, I chose to pop over to Heidelberg for a new production of Büchner's *Woyzeck* at the City Theatre. Just before the end, the intendant, Hans Peter Doll, came on stage and cut short the performance. Today, he explained, it would be wrong to let his actors bring down the final curtain with the last words of Büchner's tragedy. "I shall say them myself", he said.

They went something like this: *ein echter Mord, ein Schöner Mord . . . wir haben schon lange so keinen gehabt.* (A true murder, a beautiful murder . . . it's been a long time since we had one like it).

Then came his bombshell. "We have just heard on the air", he concluded, "that President Kennedy has been assassinated".

Stunned by the news, we froze into a silence that seemed to go on and on, until the very last of the audience had trooped out into the black night.

Yours sincerely,
OSSIA TRILLING,
9a Portland Place, W1.
October 22.

President's honour

From the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Essex

Sir, Readers of your newspaper at this university took a particular interest in your Diplomatic Correspondent's report (October 20) of the visit of the President of Costa Rica. The purpose of the visit was to receive an honorary doctorate from his alma mater, the University of Essex.

Men of good will everywhere can but support President Arias's attempts to solve the conflicts of Latin America at the negotiation table and not on the battlefield and this university has now paid tribute to the political skills and aspirations of this remarkable man in an appropriate and timely manner.

Yours etc.,
MARTIN HARRIS,
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Essex,
Wivenhoe Park,
Colchester, Essex.

Knees, please

From Mrs J. Tulloch

Sir, How reassuring it was to learn from the Wednesday Page (October 19) that I am not entirely alone in longing to see that long-forgotten image of what being a boy is all about — cap askew, bulging pockets, scuffed shoes, with socks at half-mast, revealing dirty and battle-scarred knees; knees engrained with grime; knees withstanding all the elements; knees which learn to heal quickly.

Instead, we have mini-adults who reveal lily-white, unblemished, weak-looking limbs each summer.

My own son is eight and at prep school, where the uniform, much to my horror, is corduroy trousers, winter and summer, the reason being, it is a country school.

It seems grey-flannel short trousers exist only for the very brave!

Yours faithfully,
J. TULLOCH,
Bossington Corn Barn,
Bossington, Nr Adisham, Kent.
October 21.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 26: The Queen held a Council at 12.00 noon.

There were present: The Right Hon John Wakeham, MP (Lord President), the Right Hon Norman Fowler, MP (Secretary of State for Employment), the Right Hon Sir Patrick Mayhew, MP (Attorney General), the Right Hon Maurice Eugene Casey (Judge of the New Zealand Court of Appeal), and the Right Hon Lynda Chalker, MP (Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

The Right Hon Maurice Eugene Casey, having been previously appointed a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, took the necessary Oaths.

The Hon Sir Brian Hutton (Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland) was sworn in as a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Right Hon John Wakeham, MP had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

After the Council the Right Hon Sir Brian Hutton had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland when Her Majesty conferred upon him the Honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

General Sir John Chapple had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as Chief of the General Staff.

Mr D A S Gladstone (British High Commissioner to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka) and Mrs Gladstone had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon opened the new building of the Moorfields Eye Hospital.

Having been received by the Mayor of Islington (Councillor Valda James) and the Chairman of the Board of Governors (Mr J M Cumberlege), Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh toured the facilities of the new building and met staff and patients.

The Marchioness of Abergavenny, Mr Kenneth Scott and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Twelfth Man of the Lord's Taverners, this morning at Buckingham Palace presented the 1988 County Championship Trophy to Worcester County Cricket Club.

His Royal Highness, Patron of the British Services Everest Expedition, attended a reception at the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington Gore.

Major Sir Guy Acland, Bt was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the World Wide Fund for Nature International, this evening attended a dinner at Syon Park, Middlesex.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London, this morning visited the new Garden Wood Laboratories of Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine at Silwood Park, Ascot, Berkshire (Pro Rector of Imperial College, Professor B Coles). Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Colonel the Hon Gordon Palmer). Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

This afternoon, Her Royal Highness, President, the British Olympic Association, attended the Association's Annual General Meeting at the Café Royal, 68, Regent Street, London W1.

Mrs Malcolm Wallace and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

This evening The Princess Royal received Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia and Princess Monique at Buckingham Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 26: The Prince of Wales left Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for The Netherlands on the occasion of the William and Mary Tercentenary celebrations.

His Royal Highness was received by His Excellency Monsieur Hans Jonkman (The Netherlands Ambassador) and Mr Jeremy Castle (Business Services Manager (Heathrow Airport Limited).

Sir John Riddell, Bt and Mr Richard Arbiter were in attendance.

The Princess of Wales was called to the Bench of the Middle Temple and subsequently dined with the Masters of the Bench and other members of the Inn at Middle Temple, London EC4.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 26: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Air Chief Commandant, Women's Royal Air Force, today visited Royal Air Force Hereford.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, The Building Industry Youth Trust, was present this evening at a reception at Innholders' Hall, London EC4.

Lt Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of Notting Hill Housing Trust, this afternoon opened Drayton Bridge Road Development, Ealing, London W7.

Miss Jennifer Thomson was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 26: The Duke of Kent today visited the Motor Show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham and later, as Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, visited the British Federal Welder Company Limited, Dudley, West Midlands.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, today attended a luncheon to celebrate the appointment of the 500th Macmillan Nurse at the Great Hall and later presented the fifth BBC Radio Times Drama Awards at the BBC Television Centre, London W12.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

At the invitation of Her Majesty The Queen, Her Majesty The Queen of the Netherlands and His Royal Highness Prince Claus of the Netherlands will pay an official visit to the United Kingdom from 28th-30th June, 1989 in connection with the celebration of the William and Mary Tercentenary. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will stay at Buckingham Palace.

Recital

City of London School
Gillian Weir will give a recital including works by Bach, Franck, Messiaen, Ives, and Eben on the organ of the Great Hall, City of London School at 6pm on Tuesday, November 8. Tickets at £5 are available from the Bursar, City of London School, Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 3AL (01-489 0291).

Meeting

Council of Christians and Jews
The Council of Christians and Jews Annual General Meeting was held in London on Tuesday, October 25, 1988, chaired by the Rev Dr Edward Carpenter, KCVO. The main address was delivered by Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster and Sir Sigmund Sternberg proposed the vote of thanks.

Piping

Army chief instructor wins for second time

By Angus Nicol

"It is every piper's ambition to receive an invitation to play in this championship," said Malcolm MacRae, this year's Fear An Tighe, introducing the Glenfiddich Piping Championship. Ten pipers are invited, on merit, to take part, each of whom has to play a piobaireachd and a set of March, Strathspey and Reel.

As always, the competition was held in the Great Hall at Blair Castle, the seat of the Duke of Atholl. This year was the first time that a woman piper has ever competed; she was Amy Garson, from Canada, a frequent competitor both in Scotland and elsewhere, and holder of the Silver Medal at Inverness which she won with the Park Piobaireachd No. 2, the tune she played at Blair this year.

The championship winner was Pipe Major Gavin Stoddart, principal instructor at the Army School of Piping, who won this championship in 1983. This year he took first prize for piobaireachd playing The Earl of Seaforth's Salute. This tune was composed by Seaforth's Pipe, and is both a salute to the Chief of the MacKenzies and a lament for his absence following the Jacobite rising of 1715. This won him also the Highland Society of London's Trophy. Pipe Major Stoddart won the second prize for March, Strathspey and Reel with the Marchioness of Tulliebardine, Athol Cummers, and Lochiel's away to France.

Second in the championship came Roderick MacLeod, from Cumbernauld. He won the second price for piobaireachd. His tune was particularly appropriate, being Craigellachie, the Grants' Gathering. He also took first prize and the Redfearn National Glass Trophy for ceol beag with Brigadier Cheape of Tiroran, the Shepherd's Crook, and the Sheepwife.

Iain MacFadyen, who is now the only piper to compete in each of the 16 years of the Championship, came third. He gave a brisk performance of Clanranald's Salute to take third prize for piobaireachd, and came fourth in the ceol beag with Arthur Bignold of Lochrosque, the Caledonian Society of London, and Bessie MacIntyre.

Each year William Grant & Sons presents a silver medal, called the Balvenie Medal, for outstanding services to piping. As Malcom MacRae described this year's winner, a competitor, gold medalist, international teacher, writer about piping, not one to shun controversy, it was plain that many people had already guessed who it was, except the recipient himself — Seumas MacNeill — who recognized somebody else in the description. The prizes were presented by the Duke of Atholl, who expressed his hope that the Championship would continue to be held at Blair Castle, and his admiration for this truly international piping event. The full results are as follows:

Piobaireachd: 1. P/M Gavin Stoddart, RHF; 2. Roderick MacLeod; 3. Iain MacFadyen; 4. Dr Angus MacDonald (Ronald MacDonald of Morar's Lament); 6. Murray Henderson (His Father's Lament for Donald Mackenzie).

Ceol Beag: 1. Roderick MacLeod; 2. P/M Gavin Stoddart; 3. James McGillivery; 4. Iain MacFadyen; 6. Murray Henderson.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.H.B. Maudslay and the Hon Arabella Jauncey
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of the late Sir Rennie Maudslay and of Lady Maudslay, and Arabella, daughter of Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle and Lady Polwarth.

Mr R.H. Manners and Miss S.S. Jukes
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the Hon Thomas and Mrs Manners, of The Old Malt House, Ashford Hill, Newbury, and Samantha, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Jukes, of Old Rectory, Pattiswick, Braintree.

Mr R.C. Garnier and Miss M.M. Denny
A marriage has been arranged between Richard Charles, second son of Colonel William and Hon Mrs Garnier, of College Farm, Thompson, Thetford, Norfolk, and Melissa Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Denny, of Rose Cottage, Hattingley, Alton, Hampshire.

Mr A.H. Mead and Miss G.K. Venables-Llewelyn
The engagement is announced between Antony, second son of Mr Humphrey Mead, of Moyaux, Normandy, and Mrs Peter Cadbury, of Armsworth Hill, Hampshire, and Georgina, daughter of Sir John Venables-Llewelyn, of Llysdinam, Powys, and Mrs Carlos Muñoz-Laborde, of Shackleford, Surrey.

Mr M.H.T. Andrew and Miss E.M. Caröe
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Dr and Mrs R. Andrew, of Edgmond, Newport, Shropshire, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.F. Caröe, of Puddington, South Wirral, Cheshire.

Mr C.J. Barr and Miss S.J. Griggs
The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr Alan Barr, of North Chailey, Sussex, and Su Barr, of Nutley, Sussex, and Sophie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Griggs, of Soham, Cambridgeshire.

Mr J.A. Carrick Smith and Miss A.G. Sampson
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Carrick Smith, of Hardington Mandeville, Somerset, and Anna, younger daughter of Mr B.G. Sampson, of Tadcaster, North Yorkshire, and Mrs L. Garwood, of Gembling, North Humberside.

Mr N.K. Meek and Miss S.A.S. Hutchinson
The engagement is announced between Nigel, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Meek, of Penang and Winding Wood House, Kintbury, Berkshire, and Sophie, youngest daughter of Commander and Mrs A.S. Hutchinson, of Langford Grange, Lechlade, Gloucestershire.

Mr S.J.C. Lyte and Miss J.C. Noble
The engagement is announced between Sebastian John Charles, son of Mr and Mrs C.J.E. Lyte, of Carter's Corner Place, Hailsham, East Sussex, and Jane Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.R. Noble, of Oaktree House, Rimington, Clitheroe, Lancashire.

Colonel H.J. Lowles and Mrs P.J.C. Wilson
The engagement is announced between John Lowles, the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, and Janie Wilson, of Maidenhead.

Dr T.G.A. Crook and Dr H. Gabathuler
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Crook, of September Cottage, Holt, Dorset, and Helen, daughter of Professor and Mrs E. Gabathuler, of Lymm, Cheshire.

Mr A.J.D. Pralle and Mlle E.L.O.N. Autin
The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Pralle, of Bembridge, Isle of Wight, and Eléonore, elder daughter of M and Mme Bruno Autin, of Prevessin, France.

Mr R.L. Wehner III and Miss F.A. Sutherland-Hawes
The engagement is announced between Russell, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.L. Wehner, of Denver, Colorado, and Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W. Sutherland-Hawes, of Thursley, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr J.R. Abdy and Miss J.M. Soignet
The marriage took place on October 14, in New Orleans, of Mr John Robert Abdy, son of the late A.J. Abdy, and of Mrs Susan Abdy, of Rockbourne, Hampshire, and Miss Jeanne Marie Soignet, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.M. Soignet, of Metairie, Louisiana.

Mr A.J. Capjon and Miss C.R.M. Dawson
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 10, at St Paul's Church, Winchester, of Mr Andrew James Capjon to Miss Clare Rosemarie Margaret Dawson.

Mr C.R.O'N. Pearson and Dr S.N. Davies
The marriage took place in Edinburgh on Friday, October 14, between Mr Christopher Pearson, son of the late Pat Pearson and of Mrs Sarah Pearson, of Balcombe, Sussex, and Dr Sally Davies, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Groom, of Brighton, Sussex.

Mr S. Charrington and Miss C. Mazur
The marriage took place on October 1, 1988, at St Columba's Church, Gruline, Isle of Mull, between Mr Somerset Charrington, son of the late Mr C.N. Charrington and of Mrs L.Z. Rowcliffe, of Bures Manor, Reigate, Surrey, and Miss Carolyne Mazur, daughter of Mr S. Mazur and of the late Mrs P.S. Mazur, of Callachally, Glenforsa, Isle of Mull.

A small family reception was held at Callachally.

Mr P. Hopkins and Miss K. O'Connor
The marriage took place on Monday, September 19, at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii, of Mr Peter Hopkins, of Bloomsbury, London, and Miss Kaori O'Connor, of Honolulu.

A reception was held in Honolulu to be followed by a further reception to be held at the Travellers' Club, London, later this year.

SCIENCE REPORT

Muscling in on the carp

New studies of fish muscles explain why all animals, including humans, have two kinds of muscle fibres: one designed for high speeds, the other for slow speeds.

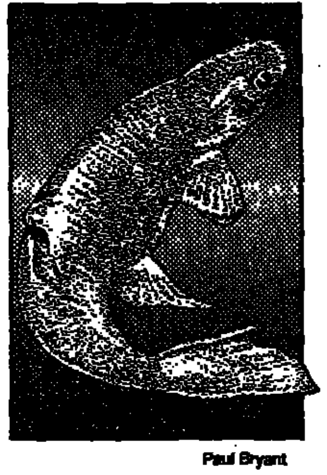
For the first time researchers have been able to measure the efficiency of muscle fibres in a moving animal, thanks to the unique arrangement of muscle fibres in fishes.

Lawrence Rome and colleagues at the University of Pennsylvania, with researchers at the University of Tennessee Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory and the University of Leeds, report their results in the current issue of *Nature*.

Muscles consist of bundles of fibres. The shortening of these fibres powers contraction and so controls movement. The researchers removed individual fibres and investigated their mechanical properties in the laboratory.

The white fibres in the trunk of fish such as carp, shorten very quickly. But just under the skin of the carp is a bundle of red muscle fibres, quite separate from the white, which shorten much more slowly.

To discover why there are different fibre types, Rome and his co-workers needed to answer three questions. First, which fibres are active when the animal moves at a particular speed? Second, fastest speed at which a muscle fibre can shorten and the most efficient speed of shortening? And third, the speed at which muscle fibres shorten while moving?



Paul Bryant

To answer the first the researchers inserted electrodes into the swimming carp to tell which fibre type was working by recording the electrical activity of the muscle. They found that when the fish swims slowly, only the red fibres are active, but in fast swimming, the white fibres also become active.

The researchers then removed individual red and white fibres from the fish, to measure the quickest speed at which the fibre could shorten and thus answer the second question. They found that the fastest speed of the red fibres was about four and a half muscle lengths per second, and that of the white fibres is almost thirteen muscle lengths per second.

To estimate the power output of a muscle, and thus its efficiency, the researchers also measured the speed of shortening while the muscle bears a constant load, mimicking the situation in life where the muscle is shortening while attached to the skeleton. They found that muscle fibres produce most power, and are thus most efficient, at about one-third of their fastest speed of shortening: just over one muscle length per second for slow fibres and just over four lengths per second for fast fibres.

The third question was the hardest, but Rome and his co-workers solved it by filming the carp swimming while flexing its body. Because the exact orientation of red and white fibres with respect to the axis of the fish's body is known, the researchers could calculate the change in lengths of the muscle by examining each still of the film, which was running at 200 frames a second.

They found that, at slow swim speeds, red muscles shorten at roughly one muscle length per second, exactly the speed at which single red fibres are most efficient.

The researchers again used cine-film to measure fibre shortening during a fast reflex of the fish called a "startle" response, in which the fish briefly twitches into a C shape. Although the red muscle can provide the power for normal swimming in the carp, it cannot produce this "startle" response. They found that the speed of shortening was almost five muscle lengths per second, far faster than the red muscle can shorten but exactly the speed at which white muscle is most efficient.

So both muscles are perfectly suited to the requirements of the fish. And this work demonstrates that slow muscle is used at slow speeds, where it is most efficient, but the fast muscle is needed because the fibres in the slow ones cannot produce fast movements.

Maxine Clarke

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Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a royal gala performance of *The Tempest* at the National Theatre to mark its twenty-fifth anniversary at 7.30.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, will attend the opening session of the BBC World Service Seminar "A Language for the World" at Bush House at 9.55.

The Princess of Wales will attend a reception at the Churchill Hotel at 11.10 in aid of the International Spinal Research Trust.

The Princess Royal will open the new hospital at The Querns, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, at 1.40; and, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Corps of Signals, will attend the Master's dinner at the Officers' Mess, Blandford, Dorset, at 7.30.

The Duke of Kent, as patron, will attend the British Computer Society's Award ceremony at the Connaught Rooms at 11.15; as President of King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers will attend a meeting of the council at Agnes Keyser House, 55 Beaumont Street, at 4.45; and will attend a performance of *Die Winterreise* at the Royal College of Music at 7.55.

Prince Michael of Kent, as Patron of the Anglo-Hellenic League, will attend a preview of an exhibition of paintings by Paul Hogarth to illustrate a book by Lawrence Durrell at the Francis Kyle Gallery at 6.30.

Sir Michael Perrin

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Michael Perrin, CBE, will be held at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, London, on Wednesday, November 30, at 11.30am.

A memorial service for Frank Mortimer Jacques will be held on Saturday, November 12, at 11.30am at St Benet's Church, Cambridge.

Sharon Allen Leukaemia Trust

Christmas Art Tombola, Champagne Reception and Celebrity Auction. Sunday evening, November 27, 1988 at Phillips the Auctioneers, London, W1. Guests of honour: Sir Geoffrey and Lady Howe. Mr Jeffrey Archer will conduct the Auction. Tickets at £75, include a Champagne buffet, entitle the purchaser to a work of art or prize and to bring a friend, and can be obtained from Jane Russell, SALT, PO Box 554, London, SW1X 0LD (Telephone: 589 1629/589 2112).

Service dinner

7th Armoured Division
Major-General Pip Roberts presided at the annual dinner of the 7th Armoured Division Officers' Club held last night at the Naval and Military Club to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the division in Egypt. Among those present were:

Field Marshal Lord Carver, General Sir Martin Farndale, General Sir Thomas Pearson, Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Inge, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Vickers, Sir Godfrey Agnew, Major-Generals Sir John Anderson, G Armitage, R Broke, J Cowley, B Davis, M Forrester, D Gordon and C Guthrie and Brigadier Zac Isaksson.

Reception

Building Industry Youth Trust
The Duke of Gloucester, Patron of the Building Industry Youth Trust, was a speaker at a reception given by the trust at Innholders' Hall last night. Mr Robert Foster, chairman, also spoke. Lord McAlpine of Moffat, president, attended.

Birthdays today

Mr John Cleese, actor and comedian, 49; Vice-Admiral Sir John Cox, 60; Mr Paul Fox, managing director, BBC, 63; Lord Glendyne, 62; Mr Glen Hoddle, footballer, 31; Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Johnston, 59; Major-General H.M. Liardet, 82; Sir Wylie McKissock, neurological surgeon, 82; Sir Anthony Meyer, MP, 68; Lord Moyne, 83; Sir Frank Roberts, diplomat, 81; Mr Leonard Rosoman, mural painter, 75; Mr Harry Saltzman, film producer, 73; Professor B.E. Supple, master, St Catharine's College, Cambridge, 58; Mr Chris Tavaré, cricketer, 34; Sir Nigel Trench, diplomat, 72; Dr A.W. Tyson, musicologist and psycho-analyst, 62.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Desiderius Erasmus, scholar, Rotterdam, 1466; James Cook, navigator, Marton, Yorkshire, 1728; James Macpherson, poet, Ruthven, Highland, 1736; Niccolo Paganini, violinist, Genoa, 1782; Isaac Singer, inventor of the sewing machine, Pittsdown, New York, 1811; Theodore Roosevelt, 26th president of the USA 1901-09, New York, 1858; Dylan Thomas, Swansea, 1914.

DEATHS: George Morland, painter, London, 1806; Lascelles Abercrombie, poet and critic, London, 1938;

OBITUARIES

VALERIE TAYLOR

The actress who revealed Chekhov's Nina to London

Valerie Taylor in her mid thirties, at the time of *Dear Octopus*

Valerie Taylor, the actress, died of bronchial pneumonia on Monday, October 24. She was 87.

Shortly after leaving RADA, for which she gained a two year scholarship in 1920, she made her name overnight as Nina in *The Seagull*. Chekhov's play was still so little known at the time in Britain that her success as Nina was made the more dramatic by being virtually a revelation of the character to London audiences.

She was in Frederick Lonsdale's *On Approval* throughout its long run at the Vaudeville. In 1929 she went to America to support Leslie Howard in one of the earliest stage adaptations from Henry James, *Berkeley Square*, (her part was Kate Pettigrew, one that she had played a couple of times in the West End) and remained there for over three years in such plays as *The Good Companions* and *The Man in Possession*.

She acted in two more long runs in London of plays by Dodie Smith — in particular with Marie Tempest as Cynthia in *Dear Octopus* — appeared as Turgenev's Natalia Petrovna in *A Month in the Country* at the St James's in 1943, and was engaged by Sir Barry Jackson to lead the cast at the first post-war Shakespeare festival at Stratford-upon-Avon. She had been in Jackson's Birmingham company twenty years earlier.

The Stratford parts were the first she had played in Shakespeare. Though the 1946 festival has usually been recalled for the young Peter Brook's Watteauesque *Love's Labour's Lost*, Valerie Taylor's performance of Imogen — which she would always regard as a favourite role along with Nina — in Nugent Monck's production of *Cymbeline*, had throughout a high and memorable courage.

Her Lady Macbeth, with Robert Harris in the title role — the last time they were to play together — was praised for the art with which, as a critic said, she indicated the gradual droop in spirit as her husband's purpose outran *her* resolution.

As she matured she had become associated with parts involving the "odd woman out", with lonely fighters in unpopular causes. She played them well, but it may easily have been a disappointment to her personally that her career should have developed along those lines.

It had been recognized that her stage personality, often astringent, could give to her characters an air of being morbidly or ironically on the defensive. Consequently she would often be cast now as a woman with something to hide or with a grievance, among them the murderess in Aldous Huxley's *The Gioconda Smile* and the neurotic wife in Graham Greene's *The Living Room*, or, in a comic context, Dame Sybil Thorndike's bossy stage-daughter in Clemence Dane's *Eighty in the Shade*. She invested them with the distinction of her own clear-cut good looks (sometimes with almost a pre-Raphaelite quality) and even at their moments of near-hysteria with a certain dignity that was natural to her.

During the autumn of 1960 she joined the Old Vic company, playing with considerable power Schiller's Queen Elizabeth in *Mary Stuart*, and in the following year she was with the company in Leningrad and Moscow as, surprisingly, Lady Bracknell in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, a part that, just as surprisingly, she enjoyed.

She was in a version of C. P. Snow's *The Masters* at the Savoy in 1963, and in John Osborne's intermittently effective *Time Present* during 1968 at the Royal Court and subsequently the Duke of York's.

Valerie Taylor married first the actor, Hugh Sinclair, and later, after her first marriage was dissolved, a mining engineer, Desborough William Saunders. She is survived by a daughter-in-law.

J. W. BRAILSFORD

Displaying Britain's Roman heritage

Mr John William Brailsford, who was Keeper of Prehistoric and Romano-British Antiquities in the British Museum from 1969 to 1973, died on October 20 aged 70.

Brailsford joined the museum in 1946 as an assistant keeper in the old department of British and Medieval Antiquities, becoming its Deputy Keeper in 1963. When that department was divided in 1969 he became the first Keeper of the new department of Prehistoric and Romano-British Antiquities, a post he held until multiple sclerosis forced him to retire four years later.

At the museum Brailsford speedily made available to the public, and to the academic world at large, the great hoard of Roman silver plate which had been discovered at Mildenhall in 1942.

He followed this with handbooks to the museum collections, first for the Antiquities of Roman Britain in 1951 and then for the later prehistoric collections.

Brailsford was a very kind man. It was typical that he and his wife, Mary, should befriend Professor Gerhard Bersu, the eminent German prehistorian, who was interned for the duration of the war. Bersu had excavated the site of Little Woodbury in Wiltshire, setting new standards for fieldwork in this country and published the structural report in the *Proceedings* of the Prehistoric Society in 1940. After the war Brailsford produced an exemplary analysis of the pottery recovered and published a second report.

With multiple sclerosis confirmed, Brailsford nonetheless continued to work. The catalogue of the antiquities from the great hill fort of Hod Hill in Dorset in the Durden collection had appeared in 1962. The Hod Hill excavations, on which he had earlier worked, was published in 1968.

He is survived by his wife and by a son and daughter.

RONALD SNOXALL

Scholar of tribal East Africa

Ronald Snoxall, an outstanding East African languages scholar, died on October 16 at the age of 87. As an accomplished linguist and tribal expert he knew by heart over 200 Luganda proverbs.

Ronald Albert Snoxall was educated at Berkhampsted, from where he won a scholarship to Oxford. He was one of the last four Bible Clerks to be admitted to All Souls, an undergraduate honour which took the form of a scholarship and entailed the duties of reading the Bible in chapel on all formal occasions: Snoxall, in his turn, was the last of them all.

After Oxford, he taught at the Royal Masonic School.

It was his tutor and college chaplain, the Rev A. H. Johnson, who aroused his interest in East Africa when he suggested a career in the Colonial Education Service.

Arriving in Uganda in 1926, Snoxall's first Director of Education was the forceful Eric Hussey, father of Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the BBC board of governors: it was the catalyst for a career devoted to African education and the study of Swahili and Luganda.

He captained Uganda at cricket, achieved the Scout Award of Merit and edited the Uganda Journal.

Snoxall retired in 1952, only to start teaching African languages at Oxford, Cambridge, London and Los Angeles, California.

His life's work in Africa was exemplified in the definitive dictionaries of the Swahili and Luganda languages which he compiled.

He married Phyllis Law, a daughter of the Chief Justice, Sir Charles Law and Lady Law, in Kampala in 1931. She survives him with two sons and a daughter.

ERIC LARSON

Fifty years of Disney cartoons

Eric Larson, one of Walt Disney's "Nine Old Men" — the original team of animators who brought a succession of cartoon classics to the screen — died at his home in suburban Los Angeles on October 26. He was 83.

Larson was in at the beginning of the Disney *oeuvre*. He was hired in 1933 to work on Disney's first full-length cartoon, a massive and richly inventive task of animation which eventually gave birth to Disney's most appealing and enduring work, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, in 1937. Fifty years later the film never fails to fill houses whenever it makes an appearance.

Afterwards Larson continued to work with Disney's closely-knit band of cartoonists and had animation credits on most of the major titles, among them *Cinderella*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *One Hundred and One Dalmatians*, *The Jungle Book* and, most recently *Basil the Great Mouse Detective*, which came out in 1986.

Dinners

HM Government
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Lady Howe were hosts yesterday at a dinner held at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Prince and Princess Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia.

Plaisterers' Company
Alderman Sir David Rowe-Ham, Lord Mayor *locum tenens*, and Lady Rowe-Ham, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs Francis McWilliams, attended the annual livery and ladies dinner given by the Plaisterers' Company at Plaisterers' Hall last night. Mr Roy F. Beavis, Master, presided, assisted by the Wardens, Mr H.C. Kersey and Mr H.J.W. Warrell. Among others present were:

The Ambassador of The Netherlands and Mme Jonkman, the Deputy High Comissioner for Australia, Air Chief Marshal Sir David and Lady Craig, the Commandant General of the Royal Marines and Lady Garrod and the Masters and Clerks of City Livery Companies and their ladies.

Association of Corporate Treasurers
Mr Brian Carte, President of the Association of Corporate Treasurers, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Whitbread Brewery. The Hon Francis Maude, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Corporate Affairs, was the guest of honour.

Basketmakers' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Basketmakers' Company for the ensuing year:
Prime Warden, Mr Thomas O.D. Craig; Junior Warden, Mr Graham R. Redcliffe.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street. The guests were:

Lord Diamond, Lord Barber, Sir David Orr, Admiral Sir Anthony Morton, Sir Trevor Holdsworth, Mr S R Davie, Mrs T A Stirling, Sir Robin Butler and Mr Nigel Wicks.

Carlton Club
Sir William van Straubenzee, Chairman of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the club. Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, Secretary of State for Health, was the guest speaker and Sir Cecil Burney also spoke.

Service reception

The King's Own Royal Border Regiment
Major-General R.J. Hodges, Colonel of The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, presided at the annual reception held yesterday at the Naval and Military Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12:3

BIRTHS

BIGNALL - On October 25th 1988, in Arequipa, Peru, to Clare (née Gibbs) and Simon, a son.

BROWNE - On Thursday October 20th, to Sue and Jim, a son, Oliver Benjamin, a brother for Jamie.

DAVDA - On October 24th, at New General Hospital, to Prakash and Sunita, a fine son.

FOOT - On October 24th, at Queen Mary's Roehampton, to Grace (née Westwater) and Stephen, a son, Charles Matthew Cainen.

GILBERT - On October 25th, to Jennifer (née Thomson) and Tanneguy, a daughter.

HILLS - On October 19th, at the Westminster Hospital, to Jenny (née Hamp) and Simon, a daughter, Miranda Emily.

IRONSIDE - On October 23rd, to Elizabeth and Charles, a daughter, Emily Charlotte.

MCKENNY-ENGSTROEM - On October 19th, at West London Hospital, to Colette and Ulf, a daughter, Claudia.

MOSS - On October 20th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Peter (née Wethered Thorn) and Christopher, a daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth, a sister for William.

SWINBURN - On October 22nd, in Newcastle, to Emma (née Butterfield) and Chris, a son William George, a brother for Katie.

WILSON - On October 21st, to Harriet (née Hordern) and William, a daughter, Constance Mary Gwenda.

MARRIAGES

STEPHENSON:BAYNES - On October 14th 1988, in Stroud, Jamie to Polly Elizabeth.

DEATHS

ABBEY - On October 25th 1988, peacefully in hospital, Lady Ursula, wife of the late Major J.R. Abbey. Beloved mother of Juliet and Gloria and grandmother of Miranda. Funeral service, Yeovil Crematorium on Tuesday November 1st at 12 noon. No mourning and no flowers, but donations if desired to, Dorset Hospice Macmillan Service, c/o Woods Dorchester Ltd. 11a Icen Way, Dorchester, Dorset.

ANDERSON - On October 26th, after a long illness, Robert (Roy). Beloved husband of Jean, dear father of Donald and Margaret and grandfather of William, Amy, Charles, Barnaby and Arabella. Family funeral only. No flowers please but if desired donations to, The British Heart Foundation.

ATHERTON - On October 24th, peacefully at The Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, Robert Stephen aged 74. Funeral service at Hastings Crematorium, on Monday October 31st at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please.

BARLAS - On Monday October 24th 1988, suddenly at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Catherine Gertrude Mary of Craig Castle, Aberdeenshire, in her 83rd year. Wife of the late Colonel A.R. Barlas. Funeral Service in St Moluag's Church, Tarland, at 1 pm on Friday October 28th, thereafter to Auchindoir Churchyard, all friends respectfully invited.

BAXTER - On October 25th 1988, peacefully, Kathleen (née Young), Widow of Judge Herbert James Baxter. Dear mother and grandmother. Requiem Mass on Monday October 31st, at St Thomas' Catholic Church, Granville Road, Sevenoaks, at 12 noon, followed by family funeral. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Research Council.

d'ADHEMAR de LABAUME - On October 25th 1988, Aline Catherine widow of George, mother of Peter, David and Clare and much loved grandmother. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel, at 2.30pm on Monday October 31st.

DALDRY - On Friday October 21st, suddenly in Blunsdon, Wiltshire, Sir Leonard Charles Daldry K.B.E., in his 81st year, of Budleigh Salterton. Dearly loved and devoted husband of Monica and a strong and loving Daddy of Michael and Celia. Requiem Mass at the Catholic Church of The Holy Ghost, Exmouth, Wednesday November 2nd at 10 am, followed by interment at Budleigh Salterton.

ELLIS - On October 26th, peacefully at home, Maurice Constable, aged 85 years. Much loved and loving husband of Freda and father of Ann and John. Formerly of the Mall School, Twickenham and Westbourne House school, Chichester. Thanksgiving service at Saint Peter's Church, Petersfield, on Tuesday November 1st at 11.00 a.m. Family flowers only but donations, if wished to Guide Dogs for the Blind, 11 Park St., Windsor, Berks. Enquiries to Funeral Services, Petersfield, 0730 62711.

FOAD - On October 20th 1988, Marie Isabel, late of Kensington, aged 78 years. Funeral Service, Mortlake Crematorium on Wednesday November 2nd at 3pm. No flowers by request but enquiries may be made of J H Kenyon Ltd. Tel:01 937 0757.

GARRARD - On October 23rd, after a short stay at Ashford Hospital, Surrey, Mary Gertrude (née Francis) aged 71, of Kingswood Creek, Wraysbury. Beloved wife of the late Derrick John Garrard (August 1986), mother to Ann and Peter, grandmother to Hugh, Toby and Emma. Funeral November 4th, 3.00pm at Slough Crematorium. Flowers to E. Sargeant (F.D.) Church Street, Slough.

HILL - On October 20th, John Ariel Ledger of Brick Kiln Cottage Aldeburgh, Suffolk. Dear husband of Sheila and father of Josephine, Nicolas, Heywood and Roderic. Funeral to be held at Aldeburgh Church at 1:30 pm on Wednesday November 2nd.

JONES - On October 18th 1988, David Hywel, graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge. Former teacher and supervisor in Russian Language and History at Cambridge, Holborn College (now the Polytechnic of Central London) and from 1967 to September 30th 1984 at the University of Southampton.

MARTIN-DOYLE - On October 21st, as the result of an accident, Guy son of June and the late Kit. Funeral service at St Georges Church, Littleport, Cambs, on Friday October 28th at 2.30 pm. Flowers and all enquiries to, David Turner Funeral Services, 15a Old Market Street, Thetford, Norfolk. Tel (0842) 61333.

MATTHES - On October 24th 1988, peacefully at home in Brighton, Stanley Rutter, much loved husband and father. Now in Glory! Private interment in Newtown Linford, Leicestershire. Memorial service at Chapel Royal, Brighton at 9.15 am. Saturday, October 29th. Family flowers only.

McCORMICK - On October 25th peacefully at home, Antony Drewsnap aged 70. Dearest husband of Joan, loving father and grandfather. Cremation private. Family only.

MORTON - On Saturday October 22nd 1988, following a tragic accident, Colonel Charles Edward Morton, T.D., late of 17th Lancers and City of London Yeomanry of Prinstile, Bidborough. Beloved husband of Betty and father of Louise and Roger. Funeral service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Wednesday November 2nd at 12:30pm. Family flowers only and enquiries to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services. Tel: Crowborough, (0892) 655000.

PEMBERTON - On October 25th at Blenheim Lodge Minehead, Doris Shelley aged 101. Widow of W.G.T. Pemberton, mother of Ann, Elisabeth and Tom. Cremation private. No flowers.

SHEPHERD - On October 26th, Pammy, dear wife of Group Captain John Shephard and much loved grandmother. Memorial service at Dunsham on Saturday November 5th, at noon.

SILVERWOOD-COPE - On October 26th after a long illness, fought with courage and exemplary dignity till the last, at Rustington, Sussex, Margaret Auriol ("Loopy"), aged 84. Dearly loved Aunt, Great-Aunt and Great-Great-Aunt and most beloved friend, of Berrie. Cremation at Chichester Crematorium at 3pm on November 3rd. No flowers by request. Donations to King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst.

VAN WYCK - On October 24th 1988, peacefully at St Thomas's Hospital, Elizabeth (née Grant) aged 82 years. Mother of Stephen and Nicholas. Funeral service at Chelsea Old Church on Friday October 28th at 9.30 am. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, Kensington, London W8 6OA or in lieu of flowers. Donations to charity of choice.

WATSON - On October 25th, peacefully in her sleep, Barbara (née Wake Walker), aged 94. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, East Chapel, at 3.45 pm. on Monday October 31st. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Woodland Trust.

WHITE - On October 26th, 1988 peacefully after a long illness courageously borne, Kathleen Anne White B.E.M. Daughter of the late George and Bertha White, of Beaconsfield. Funeral service at St Mary's and All Saints Church, Beaconsfield on Wednesday November 2nd at 12.15 pm, followed by private cremation, at Oxford.

WIGNEY - On October 22nd, David Alexander at Priscilla Bacon Lodge, Norwich. Loved husband of Audrey and father of Stephen and Tina. Formerly of Wymondham College. Private Funeral at St Faiths, Norwich, October 27th.

WILLIAMS - On October 25th, William James (Billy), Honorary Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. Born October 8th 1901. Loving husband of Kate (deceased), then Patricia, of the Secret Garden, Marsh Green, Edenbridge, Kent. Well done brother.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

PENROSE - Bernard Edmund. Funeral Service at All Hallows Church, Kea, on Tuesday November 1st at 2.30 pm followed by interment in the Church yard. Flowers or donations if desired for the R.N.L.I. may be sent c/o Parkin and Son, St Clement Street, Truro, Cornwall.

SCOTT - Sheila O.B.E. The Funeral Service will take place at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel) at 2.pm. on Thursday October 27th 1988; for family and close friends. Family flowers only. Donations at her request to Cancer Research.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

OLSZOWSKI - Tadeusz. A Memorial Service will be held at Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, London W1, on Tuesday November 29th at 11 am.

SCOTT - A Memorial Service for the life of Sheila O.B.E., will be held at St Michaels, Cornhill, EC3, at noon on Thursday December 8th 1988. All enquiries to her Executors, c/o 64/70 St. Loyes, Bedford (0234-50444)

THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND - A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of The Duke of Northumberland, will be held at noon on Friday November 18th 1988, in Westminster Abbey. Those wishing to attend are invited to notify in writing: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 18, 20, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London SW1P 3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, by not later than November 4th, so that the appropriate seating arrangements can be made. Tickets will be posted on November 11th. All are welcome to attend.

WOODMANSTERNE - Graham. An Evensong with Thanksgiving for the Life and Work of Mr Graham Woodmansterne will be held in Westminster Abbey, at 5 pm on Thursday December 8th, 1988. Those wishing to attend are asked to notify writing: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 8, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA. All are welcome to attend.

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FROM one Bodger to another. This matter has been pending too long. A definite yes. Now lets see some action around here. Love P.

BIRTHDAYS

DEAREST DAWN, happy birthday. P.S. We do appreciate you.

MATTHEW SPENCER, is 21 today. May all the years ahead be good ones Matt. Our love Mum, Dad and Angie.

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University news

Oxford
Elections
QUEEN'S COLLEGE
From Michaelmas Term 1988:

Instrumental exhibition: Alexandra J Bellamy (Lady Eleanor Holles School); Choral Bursary: S R Wilcox (Abingdon School).

From Michaelmas Term 1989: Organ scholarship: M Owens (Chetham's School of Music).

SOMERVILLE COLLEGE
To a Coombs scholarship in modern history, Liane Saunders, commoner, formerly of Howell's School, Llandaff; to a Deakin exhibition in modern history, Daphne Jayne Hyman, commoner, formerly of St Paul's Girls' School; to a Seymour exhibition in mathematics, Anne Margaret Powell, commoner, formerly of Pate's Grammar School, Cheltenham; to Belby exhibitions: in physics, Deborah Louise Corker, commoner, formerly of Henry Fanshawe School, Dronfield; in chemistry, Denise Anne Bush, commoner, formerly of Cricklade College, Andover; in chemistry, Ingrid June Egerton, commoner, formerly of Winstanley Sixth Form College, Billinge; to a Nuffield exhibition in biochemistry, Katherine Suzanne Ross, commoner, formerly of King Edward's School, Witley.

Prizes
College prize for first in history honour moderations: Liane Saunders; college prize for first in English honour moderations: Suzanne Mary Hutchison; college prize in modern languages: Clara Elizabeth Seeger; college prize in zoology: Suzanne Elizabeth Cook.

Stirling
Honorary degrees of Doctor of the University are to be conferred on the following on November 4:
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In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith D Goodman, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 19th October 1988.
Dated: the 19th day of October 1988
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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT, 1986
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By Order of the Board
J Westgate - Director

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IN THE MATTER OF HENDERLOPE LIMITED
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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A TANDON DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
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IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr R Hocking, Certified Accountant of Messrs STOY HAYWARD, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 14 October 1988. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts, writing to me for a claim form. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given
Dated this 18th day of October 1988
R Hocking Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr G A Auger, FCCA of Messrs of STOY HAYWARD, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 19th October 1988. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts, writing to me for a claim form. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated this 20th day of October 1988
G A Auger - Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
IN BANKRUPTCY
NO 808 OF 1988
JOHN GORDON BRYAN of 56 Rodenhurst Road, London SW4 8AR.
I, Raymond Hocking, Certified Accountant of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA give notice that I was appointed trustee in bankruptcy of the above named on 30 September 1988. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts, writing to me for a claim form. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given
Dated this 81S day of October 1988
R Hocking - Trustee

Notice of Appointment of Liquidator
The Insolvency Rules 1986
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In the matter of Havard Gunn Limited
High Court No 001461 of 1988
Notice is hereby given that I Melvyn Laurence Rose of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 8th August 1988.
Melvyn L Rose F C.A. F C.C.A.
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF BRIAN TAYLOR DESIGN LIMITED
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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required on or before the 2 December 1988, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Edward John Wacey, Buchler Phillips & Co., 43/44 Albemarle Street, London W1X 3FE, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
19 October 1988
Edward John Wacey FCIS
Liquidator

Notice of appointment of liquidator
voluntary winding up
(Members or Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of the
Insolvency Act 1986
Company number: 1687975 Name of company: Brian Taylor Design Limited. Previous name of company: *Eldersnow Limited. Nature of business: Graphic Designers* Type of liquidation, Creditors. Address of registered office: 43/44 Albemarle Street, London W1X 3FE. Liquidators name and address: Edward John Wacey, Buchler Phillips & Co. 43/44 Albemarle Street, London W1X 3FE. Office holder no: 6648. Date of appointment: 19 October 1988 By whom appointed: Members and Creditors.
Date: 19 October 1988
E J Wacey FCIS
Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BIRCHWOOD COMMERCIAL & TIPPER CO LIMITED
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A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Buchler Phillips & Co., 43/44 Albemarle Street, London W1X 3FE, between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Thursday, 3 November 1988 and *Friday, 4 November 1988.*
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt and unless attending in person a proxy at Buchler Phillips & Co., 43/44 Albemarle Street, London W1X 3FE, no later than 12 noon on Friday, 4 November 1988. Secured creditors must unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting
By Order of the Board
David George Drage - Director/Secretary
19 October 1988

Notice of appointment of liquidator
(Members)(Creditors)
voluntary winding up
Company number: 1660979. Name of company: Arconian Limited. Address of registered office: Uplands House, Blackhorse Lane, London E17 5QW. Liquidators name and address: Richard Andrew Segal, Uplands House, Blackhorse Lane, London E17. Date of appointment: 21st October 1988.
By whom appointed: Members and Creditors.
Date: 21st October 1988
R A Segal - Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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IN THE MATTER OF REGENCY INVESTMENT SERVICES (BERKSHIRE) LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO TO SUBMIT THEIR CLAIMS
TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned, PETER RYAN CRIDLAND DENSHAM of Price Waterhouse, Clifton Heights, Triangle West, Bristol BS8 1EB, liquidator of the above named company has fixed 30 November 1988 as the final date on or before which the creditors of the company are to prove their debts or claims, and to establish any title they may have to priority. Proofs of debt should therefore be delivered to me, at the address aforementioned, before that date, in default of which creditors will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved, or such priority is established or, as the case may be, from objecting to such distribution.
Dated this 24th day of October 1988
PRC Densham - Liquidator

THE ARTS

TELEVISION

No star needed

There can be no doubt of Paul McCartney's sincerity in supporting the Nordoff-Robbins music therapy centre in their work with those mentally handicapped, and little question that more people watched *The Power of Music* (BBC1) because of his participation than would otherwise have been attracted to such a documentary.

It is not McCartney's fault that he is perceived as a being so rare that normal people fall over the furniture in his presence and otherwise gifted film-makers are inhibited in employing him. Nevertheless, the opening sequences of this programme, in which, to use the *Radio Times*'s reverential description, "the 46-year-old superstar, himself a father of four, joins the brain-injured children and begins to sing and play his guitar", were the least successful.

Like a cherry on a cake, this section appeared to have been stuck on to make the prospect more *attractive. The most interest*ing and moving parts of the programme concerned the role that music played with mentally impaired adults. There were men who could not speak but who could sing, despairing victims of mania or depression, who could express their turbulent feelings through music, and many others who had found happiness, friendships and self-respect in performing. These sequences, particularly those inside London's Friern Barnet hospital, were sensitively filmed. Overall, however, there was an irritating lack of context and an assumption that the audience would not be interested in anything *more than a sentimental apprecia*tion of therapists' work.

Despatches (Channel 4) presented a thorough and balanced assessment of Turkey's attitude to human rights. It alleged that although this country, being eager to join the EEC, has ratified the major international agreements on human rights, the police frequently use torture against people suspected of left wing political sympathies and members of the Kurdish minority. The glib denials of the minister responsible for relations with Europe, were set against evidence from the Press, the political opposition and interviews with victims of torture and a former policeman.

Celia Brayfield

David Robinson on a traditional British literary costume piece and two remarkable film biographies

Country girl betrayed

CINEMA

A Summer Story (15)
Warner Leicester Square

Imagine: John Lennon (15)
Warner West End

Vincent (PG)
Camden Plaza, Minema

Hanna's War (15)
Cannons Shaftesbury Avenue, Golders Green

Death — Japanese Style (18)
Curzon Phoenix

Consuming Passions (15)
Odeon Marble Arch, Cannon Panton Street

The man who didn't come back: James Wilby with Imogen Stubbs in *A Summer Story*

In the wake of export successes like *A Room With a View* and *Maurice*, British film-makers are evidently reverting to the tradition of classy (and class-ridden) literary costume pieces. A Summer Story, adapted by Penelope Mortimer from John Galsworthy's 1916 story *The Apple Tree* and directed by Piers Haggard, is as firmly rooted in its period as a Victorian sentimental ballad.

Set in 1902, it is the archetypal tale of a maiden wronged. A young barrister (James Wilby), staying at a remote farm to nurse an ankle sprained on a walking tour, falls for an orphaned country girl (Imogen Stubbs). He promises to return for her; but delays, dalliance and cowardice intervene. Twenty years later, the revisiting barrister learns the tragic outcome of his betrayal.

To the film's credit it remains faithful to the high romantic sentiment: the only concession to modernity is fetching nude *romps in hayloft, shearing shed and moonlit* pool. The period recreation is careful and tactful, apart from a surfeit of local colour in Edwardian Torquay; and the whole is finely photographed by Ken MacMillan. The real making of the film, though, is the superb performance of Imogen Stubbs — contained, touching and true in every detail.

Few personalities can have been more recorded than John Lennon. Andrew Solt's documentary biography **Imagine: John Lennon** includes film ranging from grainy black-and-white of the early Beatles in Liverpool and Hamburg, to nude love scenes with Yoko Ono a week or two before Lennon's murder. The story is narrated in his own voice and words, taken from interviews.

The result is more autobiography than biography; and like most autobiography the view is somewhat favourable. Lennon emerges as an intelligent, self-critical person, earnest about his vague and various good causes. Despite the flamboyant publicity gestures (like bed press conferences) he remained his own man. Only later in life, it seems, did he permit himself the luxury of being "vulnerable", of "cracking up", and of seeking a surrogate mother in Yoko. His best music sounds better than ever.

Vincent: The Life and Death of Van Gogh — made by the Dutch-born director Paul Cox in anticipation of the centenary of Van Gogh's death in 1990 — also verges on autobiography, since the spoken text is entirely taken from the painter's letters to his brother Theo. Passing from his first intentions of becoming an evangelist and missionary, Vincent describes how he realizes his gift for drawing; then moves on to painting and the discovery of colour.

The words (feelingly spoken by John Hurt) are complemented with images of extraordinary intelligence and sensitivity. The places where Van Gogh lived, people of the callings and class who provided his models, above all the landscapes and lights and flowers that inspired him, are juxtaposed with the paintings, spectacularly well photographed. Never obvious or literal in his choice of image, Cox experiments with 8mm and fast-moving cameras to achieve visual effects corresponding to the visions and techniques of the pictures.

It is a rare exploration of an artist's mind and work, conveying the terrible intensity of a vision that demanded instant, passionate record; and the tormenting obsessions that ended in madness and suicide.

Death — Japanese Style was the film which launched its director Juzo Itami as Japan's best-selling comic social commentator. The idea came when his father-in-law died suddenly and Itami and his wife had to arrange the funeral. Their experiences became the film, with Mrs Itami, Nobuko Miyamoto, playing the wife in it.

Although specifically about contemporary, urbanized Japanese coping with Buddhist rituals with which they have lost touch, most of the situations are recognizably and comically universal. The family reunion sparks off disputes and dramas; a lot of *saké* is consumed; and a lot of money changes hands as the undertakers and funeral directors move in.

The film is full of fine comic touches. Itami says that some people in Japan have accepted *Death — Japanese Style* as an instructional film, rather than the beautifully shrewd comedy of manners that it is.

Menahem Golan of Cannon films is the only major movie mogul who actually makes films himself. His sheer energy generally carries his action films, melodramas and comedies; but energy alone is not enough for the weightier stuff of **Hanna's War**, which Golan produced, directed and wrote, as well as acting in.

Undoubtedly he had a personal commitment to his hagiography of an Israeli national heroine. Hanna Senesh, born into a family of Hungarian Jewish intellectuals, emigrated to Palestine in 1938 when she was 17. In 1944 she was parachuted into German-occupied territory for commando work with a group organized by the RAF. Captured by the Hungarian fascist authorities, she was interrogated, tortured, put on trial and summarily executed as the Soviet forces were entering Budapest.

Shot in Hungary, the film is painstakingly designed and staged; and photographed by one of the world's great cinematographers, the Hungarian Elemer Ragályi. The actors — Maruschka Detmers as Hanna, Ellen Burstyn as her mother, David Warner as a Hungarian fascist officer, Donald Pleasance as a smiling sadist — tackle their roles with evident sincerity.

All is in vain, given Golan's script, a child-like piece of historical dramatization, rambling and structureless.

Based on a play by Michael Palin and Terry Jones, the story of **Consuming Passions** had the makings of good black comedy. Done with Monty Python style it could have worked. As it is, it has an aimless script by Paul D. Zimmerman and Andrew Davies, unfocused direction by Giles Foster, and a good cast (Tyler Butterworth, *Jonathan Pryce, Freddie Jones, Thora Hird* and Vanessa Redgrave, in a humiliatingly silly role) trapped in comic stereotypes.

CONCERTS

Watching the music

Steve Reich
Queen Elizabeth Hall

The second concert in the South Bank's Steve Reich series showed again how much we have been missing in hearing his pieces only in record. For this is music to be watched: not only because a stage rippling with vibraphones and marimbas has a particular *glamour*, not only because the performance of percussion music goes on with a mechanical sort of drama, but also, and more importantly, because the actions of the performers provide essential clues to what is happening.

Take the case of *Sextet*, the last and biggest piece in this programme. It is almost impossible for the ear alone to distinguish the patterns played by each of two vibraphonists in unison canon, for example; but the eye picks them out without difficulty. Similarly, in the classically elegant *Music for Pieces of Wood*, the sight of the five players striking their sticks allows one to hear the piece as much more than a quick dissolve of ordered rhythms into rainstorms of blows.

Three other pieces that have been heard so far make the point quite forcibly, since the seen is combined with the unseen, a soloist playing against a bevy of like instruments on tape: on Sunday the *New York Counterpoint*, played by the clarinettist Mort Silver, here the set was completed with the flute piece *Vermont Counterpoint* (Sebastian Bell) and the guitar's *Electric Counterpoint* (David Tannenbaum). In each case, part of the fun was in picking out what the live soloist was actually playing, in following his path through the labyrinth. Music that on record seems severe, monochrome and rigid became, on the contrary, fluid and delightful.

But the eye provides no assistance at all in the case of *Four Organs*; nor is any needed, since this essential, fundamental Reich piece of 1970 lays itself open to purely aural inspection: the four players start out with staccato chords and then gradually, by extending notes, fill in space over a period of 20 minutes. Here an English group, Goose, gave us a *strong-willed dive into the dawn* time of minimalism.

Paul Griffiths

Hallé/ Skrowcazewski
Festival Hall

If one has to name a Russian work first heard in 1913 that caused its listeners to be "frozen with fright, hair standing on end", it might well be *The Rite of Spring*. In fact it was Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No 2 in G Minor, given its premiere in St Petersburg just four months after that of the *Rite*. An uncompromising work it is, too, and if it seemed a particularly bold piece of programme planning to put the two works together, as Stanislaw Skrowaczewski and the Hallé Orchestra did on Tuesday night, there was at least a sop for the sweeter-toothed with the inclusion of Tchaikovsky's Fantasy Overture *Romeo and Juliet*.

Audience reaction to both the Stravinsky and the Prokofiev has modified over the years, and certainly the latter — even if it has never attained the popularity of the first or third concertos — scarcely seems especially rebarbative these days. Indeed a fine and technically assured — as we heard from Rafael Orozco — can be an exhilarating experience. The extraordinary development section of the first movement, which consists largely of a ferociously difficult cadenza for the soloist, may well have caused a few hairs to stand on end, but Orozco *dispatched* it without flinching, and still had energy left for the Scherzo immediately following — a toccata-like *moto perpetuo*, and another bruising encounter from which he emerged the victor.

Had the sharpness of attack that characterized that performance been carried over to *The Rite of Spring*, we might have had a much more memorable interpretation. As it was, for most of the first part at least, it all seemed a bit tame. With the Dance of the Earth, momentum began to be accumulated, and passages of the second part, including the climactic Ritual Dance, attained something of the requisite savagery.

Barry Millington

OPERA

Falstaff
Covent Garden

Last month the new Welsh National Opera *Falstaff* was received with great warmth and pleasure, notably here by John Higgins. Expectations on Monday night, when the production received the first of three performances in London, were possibly a little too high, though if there was a worm of disappointment in the delight, that may have been due to a touch of road-weariness on stage and behind the scenes.

But never mind: the chief distinctions of this *Falstaff* — its intimately choreographed exuberance, its vital leading performances and its sunset atmosphere of final comedy and comic finale — were very much in evidence. Peter Stein's alertness to the life in the music produces wonderful moments, like Falstaff's strut for his first monologue, which is also our first opportunity to view his superb belly in profile; only very occasionally does the matching of movement to music become overdone.

What is also remarkable is Stein's differentiation of the degrees of life in the characters. The merry wives, though merry indeed, are tall ladies whose costumes of tan and black cause them to blend into the timber-framed set: Suzanne Murphy as Alice and Wendy Verco as Meg give amused, spirited and richly pointed performances, but they are creatures of the stage, quite distinct from Cynthia Buchan's Quickly, a gypsy who has wandered into the theatre, or from Nuccia Focile's vivacious Italian girl of a Nannetta.

None of them could exist, though, without the obliging presence of Falstaff, who smilingly agrees to be the butt of what is very much his own comedy. Donald Maxwell's performance is complete: he has the stance, the set, the laughter and of course the voice of the lord of unrule; even when his singing has a dark energy, it seems to relish the absurdity of the situation.

David Malis's strong Ford is also totally secure, vocally and dramatically; Laurence Dale's Fenton, often finely beautiful, was not quite so settled. The orchestra, under Richard Armstrong, maintain a high profile.

P.G.

Song and dance magic

THEATRE

Brigadoon
Victoria Palace

DOUGLAS H. JEFFERY

Man-eater meets US game-hunter: Lesley Mackie and Robin Nedwell

In the 40 years since its first production, Lerner and Loewe's Highland fairy-tale has become a byword for the American musical's flight from life: a bland romance, insulated from the hard-boiled realities of *Guys and Dolls* and *Pal Joey*. To proclaim the merits of this, their first Broadway hit, the authors sub-titled it, "a whimsical musical fantasy".

Encountering the show for the first time in Roger Redfarn's smashing revival, I am struck by the barefaced mendacity of that description. Two game-hunting Americans in a Scotch mist find their way into a village not marked on the map. Brigadoon seems a fairly normal place. If the villagers are kilted up to the nines, it is for a wedding party. Everything is down-to-earth; it is not until the romantically predestined Tommy opens a family Bible, and finds the wedding dated 1746, that distant fairy horns start blowing and we learn that Brigadoon only materializes for one day every 100 years.

From that Barrie-esque moment, the book develops so as to charge the melancholy other kingdom of Celtic folklore with the spirit of American optimism.

Appearing three years after *Oklahoma!*, this is a book musical that still exhibits Loewe's Viennese origins as well as Lerner's ultra-smooth lyrical ingenuity. In that idiom, its numbers abound in melody that sustains the sensation of awakening joy. "Almost Like Being in Love" is only the best known. And they justify their interruptions of the narrative because the feeling is genuine. But the central idiom is Scots-American; the folk idiom is discreetly bent, not trampled under foot.

Visually, Scottish dancing is the mainstay of the show; particularly by Ian Mackenzie Stewart and the other men, who tear into sword dances and reels with fiery delicacy, articulating toe and heel steps as though the legs had no body-weight to carry. Agnes de Mille's dances, rechoreographed by Tommy Shaw, are the main source of the magic.

The production is also well-endowed with accomplished musical-comedy voices; soaringly ardent from Robert Meadmore's Tommy, and his Celtic partner Jacinta Mulcahy; gutsily agile from Lesley Mackie as Brigadoon's resident man-eater. Martin Johns evokes the place not only with picturesque revolving ruins, but also with a fine display of the neglected art of scenery painting.

Irving Wardle

The House of Blue Leaves
Lilian Baylis

Lilian Baylis, the mother of the subsidized British stage, has had a long wait before getting a theatre of her own: but here it is at last, a friendly and comfortable 200-seater, quarried out of a derelict property at the back of her old Sadler's Wells home, and staffed with its own company and director, Nick Hamm, pledged to drama, music, and attachment to the community.

You would hardly deduce that from Hamm's opening show: a bankably cast production of a New York hit of the 1970s, evidently aiming for a West End transfer. But the real clanger is the piece itself. Its author, John Guare, sums up *The House of Blue Leaves* with the question, "Why shouldn't Strindberg and Feydeau get married?". But what emerged last night rather suggested a misalliance between O'Neill and Saroyan: a plot of relentless brute egoism held at bay by evasive whimsicality.

Artie, a Central Park zoo-keeper, has reached middle age with nothing to show for it apart from a Queens apartment, an alienated son, and an unhinged wife. He gets his fix from doing solo talent spots in a local bar; and now he has acquired an ambitious mistress, who is all for having the wife committed and dragging the song-writing Artie off to California, to exploit his boyhood friendship with a film producer.

Once let loose, the American Dream runs through the characters like an epidemic. Only celebrities exist, they all agree, with the exception of the "mad" wife, whom Artie finally strangles (and at last achieves his spotlight). The ugliness and thematic overkill of the story are offset by ingratiating direct address, quirkish character detail, and by the avoidance of any response expressing direct pain.

Denis Quilley *offers* a desperately debonair Artie, supplying his own confidently vamped accompaniments on the leopard-skin-backed upright. Helen Lederer, Harry Towb, and Nichols McAuliffe are among others whom it would be a pleasure to see in a better play.

I.W.

JAZZ

Broad appeal

Jimmy Heath Quartet
Ronnie Scott's Club

A saxophonist with all the right bop credentials, including stints with Dizzy Gillespie and Miles Davis, Jimmy Heath caused a stir in the mid-1970s when he defected to the fusion camp. Aided and abetted by his brothers Percy and Al, he also demonstrated that "crossover" music could be more than just a way of making money.

Heath's current band presents a cosy mixture of the old and new traditions. With no pianist at hand, the leader shares the solo burdens with Tony Purrone, a guitarist whose crisp, blues-inflected technique generally avoids blandness. The drummer, Akira Tana, switches comfortably between deft brushwork and a more propulsive funk backbeat.

An undemonstrative tenor player, fond of flowing legato phrases, Heath jogged along at mid-tempo, demonstrating his well-known talents as an arranger with an opening number based on "Autumn Leaves". Randy Weston's standard "High Fly" received equally gentle treatment. The sole disappointment in the first set was the unadventurous choice of "Round Midnight".

To some extent, the band was upstaged by the support set from the singer Sue Shattock, backed by a fusion group led by the keyboard player Terry Disley. Following her recent club performances around London, Shattock has been touted as the country's best jazz vocalist.

An effective and economical scat singer, she is just as confident with a ballad as stale as "Alfie". "Friends and Lovers", a Disley-Shattock composition, proved an excellent vehicle for the singer and the saxophonist Chris Davies. With material along these lines and a touch more charisma, she should soon be winning audiences beyond the jazz world.

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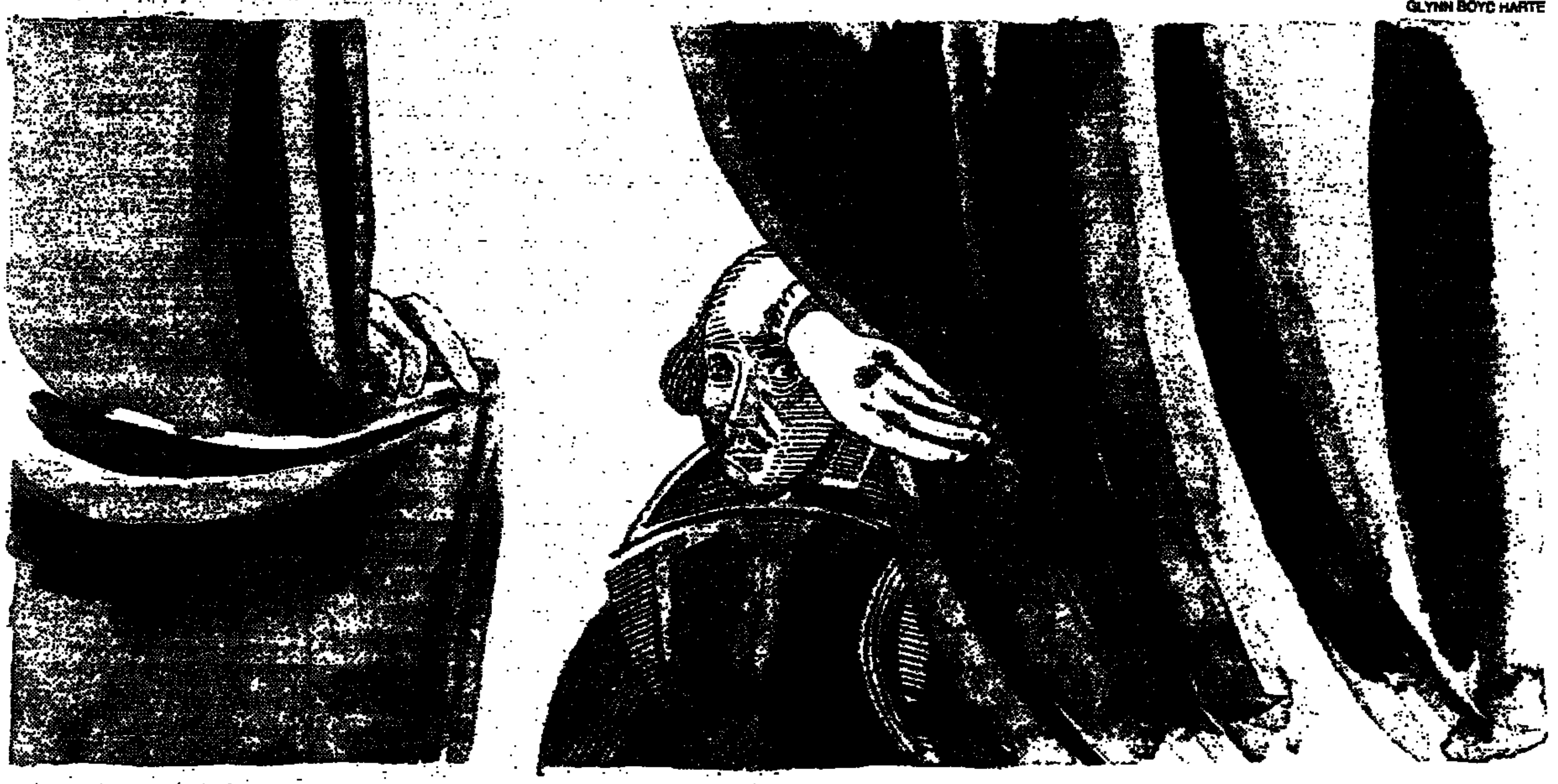
Peter Ackroyd on a life of Shakespeare and the question of where the poetry came from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From thin air

It is almost impossible to write the life of William Shakespeare — not because there is a paucity of information (that has never stopped anyone before) but rather because the known facts seem so bland and etiolated compared with the extraordinary fullness of his writing. Almost any other writer you care to name — Keats, James, Orwell, Johnson — had an existence which can at least seem commensurate with the work. Even Shakespeare's contemporaries, like Donne or Marlowe, have almost as resonant a presence in the world as they do in their words; but not Shakespeare. He slides away, slips off the page, vanishes.

This is not the fault of Peter Levi, whose new biography recounts in vivid and often illuminating fashion all the available evidence. Here is the boy growing up in Stratford, marrying his pregnant girl-friend at the age of 18, travelling to London and there emerging some three or four years later as actor and dramatist. He acquired fame quickly and easily, and was rich enough at the age of 33 to buy a large house in his native town. From then on the record is that of a successful "family man" and landowner, equally at home in London or in the country, prosecuting the normal affairs of a prosperous landowner and dying in peace with himself and with the world at the age of 52. In addition, all the contemporary evidence suggests that in fact he was precisely what he appeared to be — good-humoured, frank, honest, studious, funny, gentle, a good businessman, and a faithful public servant. And yet somehow in the course of this relatively placid life he wrote *Macbeth, King Lear, Hamlet, The Tempest*, and other plays too numerous to mention.

So how does the biographer deal with this unique problem? Peter Levi has decided, wisely, to place Shakespeare firmly within his period — particularly within the context of a kinship system which is generally difficult for a contemporary reader to understand. It takes a definite effort of the historical imagination to retrieve this passage of English history, but Levi manages to do so — not so brilliantly as Rowse in his *Shakespeare the Man* or with as much detail as Schoenbaum in his *William Shakespeare*, but nonetheless he is convincing enough in his account of plagiarism and paranoia, of intrigue and despair in an Elizabethan world where the dominant images seem to be those of blind Fortune and Time's wheel.

The best passages in this book, therefore, are those which most closely evoke the past — particularly those years when Shakespeare was the young playwright living in a lodging house on the south bank, part of a London in which crazy astrology, superstitious medicine, and genuine science flourished together. Levi's critical discussions are also interesting, although once again his historical and semi-biographical allusions are more significant than those of a purely literary nature. I suspect, however, that this has as much to do with conventional literary criticism as with Professor Levi — it has become an uninteresting activity, and this author is at his best when he avoids it. That is why some of his truest comments are not specifically about the plays themselves — when, for example, he says of Shakespeare that "He is in everything and everywhere an outsider: he is not at home in the world." Or when he remarks of his intellect that it "is savage, searching and sceptical".

THE LIFE AND TIMES
OF WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE
By Peter Levi
Macmillan, £16.95

But the central problem still remains — from where did Shakespeare's poetry come? Clearly as a boy he was an omnivorous reader, just as it is demonstrably true that he coincided with a period in which the language itself was growing more capacious and when drama itself had become what Levi calls "a new force". But that does not explain the source of Shakespeare's genius: no conditions can ever really seem appropriate to it. Levi speculates that Shakespeare had the run of John Stow's library, just in order to explain the *amount* that the dramatist knew. But how much more astonishing is the range of his language, at once so rich and so exact, so descriptive and yet so melodic that the cadences of the verse seem themselves to become a form of perception.

But from where did this poetry come? It is the inescapable but unanswerable question — Shakespeare seems almost ordinary in any biographical account, but he could not have been "ordinary" at all, unless one is willing to make some irrevocable separation between the art and the life. Or is it possible, after all, that he was in almost a literal sense inspired — often writing against time and uttering a language which he did not fully understand, the sources of which were as mysterious to him as they remain to us? "As for poetry," Levi suggests, "he seems to have been able to summon that out of the air whenever he chose to do so". Which in turn leads to the overwhelming conclusion that, to the great poet, poetry may come easily. And if it should come almost cheaply, in the sense that no expenditure of labour or agony is needed to produce it, does that explain why many great poets — Eliot is one example — treat it with such suspicion and often with such scant respect? Is that why Shakespeare was a landowner rather than a Bohemian? The important things in his life seem always to be those quotidian and common matters that linked him to other people.

Of course all this comes perilously close to the Romantic Fallacy of the naive genius warbling woodnotes wild; but, in the case of Shakespeare, surely it is possible for a highly disciplined and self-conscious artist (for there is no doubt that he was both of these) at the same time to remain only in relatively loose control of the actual texture of his writing? It is the merit of Levi's book that he raises such questions: it is the mystery of Shakespeare's life that he seems most fully to embody them.

Recesses of female hearts

Andrew Sinclair

THE HIGH ROAD
By Edna O'Brien
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £10.95
LOVE IN THE DAYS OF RAGE
By Lawrence Ferlinghetti
The Bodley Head, £11.95
TRACKS
By Louise Erdrich
Hamish Hamilton, £11.95
EL INFIERNO
By Carlos Martinez Moreno
Readers International, £9.95

Every village, a Spanish waiter says in The High Road, has its mountain Carmen. One of these girls, Catalina, provokes a modern drama of passion and revenge involving Edna O'Brien's heroine, in flight to a sea town of expatriates who are also in flight from themselves. Miss O'Brien has always been the bard of the bereft, of women suffering from hopeless loves. But in her maturity, she has developed a richness and sensuality in her descriptions, also an intensity in her definitions of feeling, as if a magnifying glass now concentrated a sunray on her characters. Her lost women, ageing debutante or international coquette or vague artist, smoulder and burn. The light turned on them illuminates and blinds. In a succession of scrutinies of the relationships between rootless women, Miss O'Brien explores the recesses of the human heart, and then condemns the inquisitions.

Another pleasure in *The High Road* is the comedy. A dandy painter called D'Arcy talks like James Joyce revivified and behaves like John Minton ossified. His account of a failed affair with the intolerable Iris displays a gift of the gab worthy of *Finnegan's Wake*. "Presently stump goes into sulkato," he intones, proving that his author is a commander of the serried ranks of language. *The High Road* celebrates the summer of a gifted author.

I remember Lawrence Ferlinghetti from the Beat days and the City Lights Bookshop in San Francisco, when the words and the nights never came to an end, and they never do in **Love in the Days of Rage**, which is set in Paris in 1968, and all about the affair of an American painter and hard-eyed dreamer called Annie with an anarchist banker called Julian, who believes that the Social Contract is a bill of goods and the State is a Social Lie, and he supports the *enragé* student revolt, when cobbles were for chucking and the slogans read I'M A GROUCHO MARXIST and EMBRACE YOUR LOVER WITHOUT DROPPING YOUR GUN, but it is really a story about him leaving her messages such as "I love you like myself" and "If you tell me love is all an illusion — then it is", but this love is not an illusion, the city is about to be saved by Poetry Police, and though the State won't wither away, people are with hunger, so the barricades go up and the Odéon blazes with speeches, and Annie plays at being Rosa Luxemburg and Emma Goldman as the students fight the police, and it is the first halting cry of what will burst forth 20 years later and be called Green Power, and the banker decides to blow up the train with all of the Bank of France's assets aboard, and even this sentence must stop because this is a review of an evocative and poetic short novel with a style which recalls the reader to days of rage and love and romantic revolution and to the particular aged innocence that Mr Ferlinghetti represents to the young at heart.

Louise Erdrich's mother was from the Chippewa tribe, and **Tracks** is the third book in a quartet about the experience of Indian families at the time of the First World War. The direct, fierce narrative tells strange stories about Fleur Pillager, who twice drowns in Lake Matchimanito and returns to life to bedevil her enemies. She uses the strength of the black underwaters as a resource against the tribesmen, who are decimated by disease, demoralized by drink, and selling off their forest reserves for a few dollars.

Axes and saws and the lumber trade are vandalizing the birthright of the Indians, who cannot resist. Scenes of slaughterhouses and poker games, sows fighting men and typhoons destroying shanties, fascinate and repel with their raw immediacy. *Tracks* does lead to a wild world of imagination and sensation.

If anything is hell on earth it is **El Infierno**, which is based on accounts by the victims of the "vast torture chamber" made out of Uruguay after the revolt of the Tupamaros. The novelist Carlos Martinez Moreno was forced into exile and presented in these anguished chronicles of pain such pictures of the bestiality of men that the pages reek with agony. The value of the book is that the *guerrillas* are no heroes. They also kidnap and terrorize, they are foolish and even frail. The Grand Inquisitors are the North American advisers who have turned interrogation into an execution skill. The practice of torment may be programmed and presented like a lecture on management techniques. The slow murder of soaked vagrants by cattleprods is incidental to the demonstration of the correct psychological methodology.

These fictionalized case histories of people undergoing torture or humiliation wrench and sicken, yet they finally testify to the long endurance and exemplary courage of all those who survive the brutality of the State. *El Infierno* was awarded a prize by the new Ministry of Culture of the recent democratic Uruguayan government; but the author had already died. He still bears witness in this work to the cries of suffering from the gaols and prison camps of 100 countries, where the police still thank science chiefly for the refinements which it has added to the black arts of Torquemada.

Apology for the bad lion

Nicholas Beeston

ASAD OF SYRIA
The Struggle for the
Middle East
By Patrick Seale
I.B. Tauris, £17.95

After nearly 30 years of writing about Syria, Patrick Seale has developed a unique insight into one of the region's most influential and inaccessible countries and a personal relationship with its enigmatic leader Hafez Assad. His latest work is the culmination of a series of interviews with Assad, members of his family and senior figures in the Syrian leadership who have helped shape post-mandate Syria since 1946.

Seale begins the biography in the impoverished Alawite Muslim mountain village of Qurdaha where the Assad (lion) family are minor clan leaders, and charts the course of Hafez Assad from his schooling, to his entry into the Syrian air force as a pilot and his first interest in politics. The Syrian leader cuts his political teeth in the cells of Damascus prison, in the conspiratorial atmosphere of the officers' mess, and emerges by the 1970s as one of the shrewdest and most ruthless Arab leaders, as capable of ordering his troops to put down an uprising with the loss of thousands of innocent lives as he is at playing politics.

Seale's great access into Assad's life has resulted in a highly detailed but subjective biography. This is particularly clear in the final chapter dealing with terrorism, where the author attempts to exonerate his subject from some of the more notorious outrages which have been consistently linked to Syria or its surrogates.

Square peg and painter

John Russell Taylor

GLUCK
By Diana Souhami
Pandora, £19.95

Hannah Gluckstein, born 1895 into a prosperous North (ex-East) London family which had been instrumental in founding the J. Lyons empire, did not at all like being Hannah Gluckstein, or, indeed, being a girl. She would not, even in her teens, be called Hannah; her family nickname, Hig, sounded acceptably genderless.

In her early twenties she was calling herself Peter, smoking a pipe, and dressing completely in male attire (though only such as a very well-heeled male could aspire to wear). In her early forties she was known as Tim. And professionally she was known simply as Gluck.

And what sort of profession might this weird being have followed? Well, she might have done something stereotypically horsy or doggy, but in fact as a child she evinced noticeable artistic talent, both musical and graphic. She insisted on going to art school: not the Slade, which was felt to be too libertarian, but St John's Wood, where, ironically, she found Craig, her first female soulmate with independent ideas and only a surname to show for herself.

After that, Avenue Road was too constricting, so she ran away to artistic Cornwall, pursued by parental moans and recriminations and, after a decent interval for reflection, a qualified blessing and a secured income of her own. She was fated to become a painter.

Between the wars she was a notable figure in the London art world, and the social world too. She exhibited regularly at the Fine Art Society; she was a successful portraitist, mainly of women; her flower pieces were justly famed, complementing the all-white interiors of her friend Syrie Maugham and the flower-arrangements of her more-than-friend Constance Spry.

But then, towards the end of the Thirties, things began to sour. First she developed a sort of quasi-symbolic fixation with the deteriorating quality of artists' materials, particularly canvas. Soon after the war this extended to oil pigments, and eventually she virtually gave up painting.

She was lonely, and completely forgotten by the postwar art establishment. So it might have remained, but in 1967 Tom Rowney came up with handground pigments matching her highest standard. How could she keep herself from using them? Against all odds, she began painting again, aged 72, and continued to paint with an extraordinary burst of renewed energy during the 10 more years left to her.

She approached the Fine Art Society again, in her usual imperious manner, and a new exhibition in 1972 brought her a new generation of admirers. In any case, regard for her hard-edged brand of Magic Realism was returning. Now, no one would deny her a place alongside Meredith Frampton, Algernon Newton and Gerald Brockhurst.

Diana Souhami tells her bizarre story with sympathy, unsensational frankness, and a gusto laced with saving doses of civilized irony. Gluck was impossible, but she never quite realized it. Because she believed so completely that everyone else was out of step, she could charm even those she most maddened, and channel her energies unselfconsciously into painting as serious and solid as any Briton in the 20th century has to offer.

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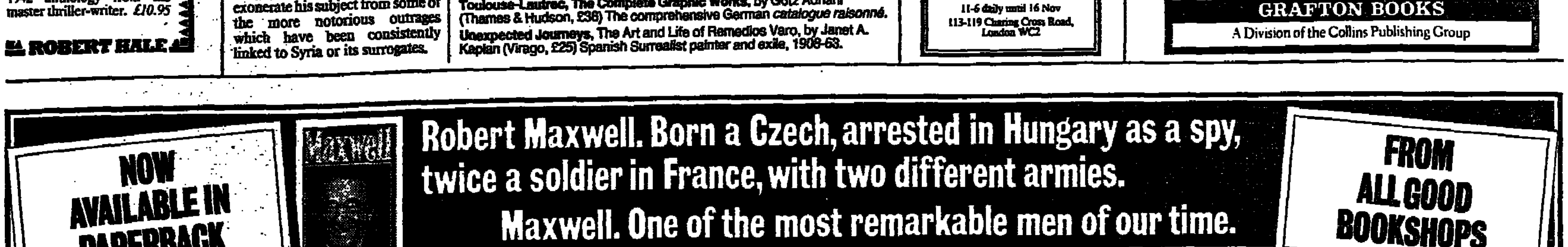
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

BARUCH
(c) The secretary of Jeremiah. His name has been annexed to a number of works, one of which has found a place in the Apocrypha. It is a collage, including a letter supposedly written by Jeremiah, a prophecy of the return from captivity, and assorted exhortations in various hands, and originally in various languages.

JEMIMA
(a) The eldest of the three daughters born to Job after the recovery of his fortunes. The others were Kezia and Keren-happuch. Job made them co-heirs with their seven brothers.

MICHAL
(b) The younger daughter of Saul, who gave her as wife to David, but subsequently took her back again. David recovered her after Saul's death. When David brought the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem leaping and dancing before it, she ticked him off for making a fool of himself. For this she was condemned never to have a child.

HUZ
(c) Huz and Buz were two of the eight children of Abraham's brother Nahor and his wife Milcah, *Genesis* 22.

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Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.40, 3.50, 6.10, 8.25. Late Fri, Sat 11.45.

DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES (15): Terence Davies's remarkable new film *set in Liverpool in the 1940s and 1950s* — a moving exorcism of family guests, ingeniously set to popular music. With Freda Dowie and Peter Postlethwaite (85 min).
☎ **Lumiere** (01-836 0691). Progs 1.20, 3.15, 5.10, 7.10, 9.10. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.

DREAM DEMON (18): An American girl searching for her roots comes to the aid of a socialite bride who experiences hideous nightmares. Fanciful British horror film; directed by Harley Cokliss, with Kathleen Wilhoite and Jemma Redgrave (93 min).
Odeon Leicester Sq (01-930 6111). *Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45. Late Fri,* Sat 11.40.

MIDNIGHT RUN (15): Engaging comedy-thriller, with Robert de Niro as a bounty hunter given the job of taking a sensitive bail-jumping accountant cross-country. With Charles Grodin; directed by Martin Brest (126 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.20, 5.10, 8.05. Late Fri, Sat 11.00.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.15, 9.15.
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 5.55, 9.05.

THE RUNNING MAN (18): Shallow futuristic thriller, with Arnold Schwarzenegger as an escaped prisoner forced to appear on a gladiatorial TV game show. Directed by Paul Michael Glazer (101 min).
Cannon Panton St (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.50, 7.25, 10.05.**Odeon High St Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45. Late Sat 11.45.
Odeon West End (01-930 6111). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.45. Late Fri, Sat 11.45.

A taste of apiculture

The British bee-keeping season is short — in essence, June and July — and this year it was wet. Apiarists, however, are not easily daunted, and the national honey show and bee-keepers' convention, which opens today, has 140 classes and thousands of entries, including 25 from Tobago. They encompass not only light, medium, dark and crystallized honey, but also honey on the comb, beeswax, candles, honey cakes and mead. Derek Daniels (above), from Surrey, will be among the judges, who check for impurities, like bees' legs or bubbles, before tasting the produce, using a glass rod. There are 40,000 registered apiarists in Britain, producing what Peter Baker, of the Kent Bee-Keepers' Association, describes as better honey than that from the Continent; there is, he explains, a wider mix of plants here. Varroa disease, a mite that attacks the bees, wiping out colonies, is now widespread in Europe but, like the American killer bee, has yet to invade these shores. The other main enemy of apiculture is modern agriculture and its sprays. The show has been held annually — war years apart — since it started at Crystal Palace in 1923, and there is a chance to buy honey after the judging. Perchester Hall, Queensway, London, W2 today 2pm-7.30pm, tomorrow 10am-7.30pm, Sat 10am-5pm. Adult £1, under-16s 20p. *Peter Brown*

JAZZ

☆ ***JIMMY HEATH:*** Continuing the residency from the American reedsman. Support is from the Sue Shattock/Terry Disley Band.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £10 (members £2)

☆ **TOMMY SMITH:** Still perhaps too cerebral to win over the unconverted, *the tenor prodigy leads a quartet* including Azimuth pianist John Taylor.
Band On The Wall, Swan St, Manchester (061 832 6625). Doors open 8.30pm, £4.50.

☆ **ACKER BILK/KENNY BALL:** A double bill of the usual trad-showbiz standards.
Jazz International, Chichester Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park (0243 781312), 7.30pm, £6.50 to £8.50.

OPERA

☆ **THE LOVE FOR THREE ORANGES:** Richard Jones's highly-praised new staging of Prokofiev's fantasy opera for Oper North, now on tour and not to be missed.
Theatre Royal, Nottingham (0602 482626), 7.15-10pm, £4-£17.

☆ **DIE FLEDERMAUS:** Simon Callow's new production for Scottish Opera, imaginatively cast with Gillian Sullivan, Robin Leggate and Omar Ebrahim.
Theatre Royal, Newcastle (091-232 2061), 7.15-10.15pm, £3-£19.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **CHOICE LEONARD:** Sarah Leonard, soprano, sings such choice French *mélodies* as Debussy's *7 Poèmes de Banville*, Poulenc's *Poèmes de Louise de Vilmorin*, Messiaen's *Trois Mélodies*. Malcolm Martineau accompanies.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1.15pm, £2.

☆ **LOUD MUSIC:** The youthful Nicola Loud performs violin sonatas by Leclair, Bach, and short pieces by Mozart, Smetana, Sarasate and Kreisler.
Jeffrey Hall, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1 (01-636 1500), 1.30-2.15pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **SOUTH BANK DESERT:** Steve Reich and Musicians play his Desert Music and *Tehellim.*
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SW1 (01-928 8800), 7.30-9.15pm, £5-£20. (D)

☆ **PORTSMOUTH GROVES:** Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra is conducted by Sir Charles Groves in Wagner's *Tannhäuser* Overture, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 2 (Michael Roll, soloist) and Vaughan Williams' Symphony No 2 "London".
The Guildhall, Portsmouth (0705 824355), 7.30pm, £4.60-£9.60. (D)

☆ **TIME THERE WAS:** George Malcolm, conducts the ECO in Britten's *A Time There Was* Suite and Beethoven's Symphony No 4; Bernard Roberts solos in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 2.
The Maltings, Snape, Suffolk (072 885 3543), 8pm, £9.80-£13.80.

☆ **MUST SHE?:** Kenneth Park, baritone, sings Kirkwood's *Must She Go?*, Blyton's *Three AM*, Stiles's Threnody, Hold's *Compleat Angler*, Teed's Four Songs, Swann's Four Songs.
British Music Information Centre, 10 Stratford Place, London W1 (01-499 8567), 7.30pm, free. (D)

TALKS

INDUSTRY, ECOLOGY AND WILDLIFE: Lecture by Professor A.D.Bradshaw FRS.
The Royal Society, Carlton House Terrace, London SW1 (Tickets: Linda Glavin 01-434 2641), 5.30pm, free.

MAPS IN ITALIAN PREHISTORIC ROCK ART: Lecture by Dr Catherine Delano-Smith.
Queen Mary College, University of London, Mile End Rd, London E1 (01-980 4811), 5.30pm, free.

WALKS

LONDON AND *THE FILM INDUSTRY:* Meet outside Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Rd, £3. (*Info:* 01-434 1360).

A GHOST WALK — THE HAUNTED WEST END: Meet Embankment tube, 7.30pm, £2.50. (Info: 01-441 8906).

DANCE

☆ **STATE OF DARKNESS:** Melissa Fenley's new solo to *The Rite of Spring*, with other new works.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Rd, *London* W6(01-748-3354) 8.15-10.15pm, £6.

☆ **EMBARQUE:** A new work by Siobhan Davies for Rambert Dance Company, with Tudor's Dark Elegies and David Gordon's Mates.
Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Rd, Manchester(061 273 4504) 7.45-10pm. £6, £8.

CONCERTO BAROCCO: Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet in Balanchine's *Bach* ballet, with Cranko's *Pineapple Poll.*
Apollo Theatre, George St, Oxford (0865 244544), 7.30-9.45pm, £4-£12.

ROCK

☆ **THE ROBERT CRAY BAND:** The new master of the Stratocaster, together with his superlative band, is now reaping his just rewards.
Sheffield City Hall, Barkers Pool (0742 735295) 7.30pm, £7.50.

☆ **SPEAR OF DESTINY:** Kirk Brandon, recovered from his mysterious leg-swelling illness, back in the fray with his faceless post-punk aggregate.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline St, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £6-£7.

OTHER EVENTS

21st ANNUAL YORK ANTIQUES FAIR: One of the most popular fairs in the North with the usual wide range of mainly pre-1890 antiques for sale plus antique firearms, clocks, Roman and Egyptian coins, old toys and dolls and oriental items.
De Grey Rooms, Exhibition Sq, York. Today, tomorrow 11am-8pm, Sat 10am-5pm. Adult £1.50, child 50p.

BRITAIN MAZE EVENT: See caption.
Royal Britain, Aldersgate St, London, EC2 (01-588 0588). Until Nov 7, daily 9am-5.30pm. Maze events free, admission to exhibition adult £4.95, child 5-16 £2.95, under fives free.

HALF TERM AT THE AQUARIUM: Daily events include leopard shark, piranha and paddlefish feeding, competition and trail guides and behind the scenes tours.
London Zoo, Regents Park, London, NW1 (01-722 3333). Until Sunday. Zoo open 9am-5pm, feeding 2.30pm, three guided tours daily. Adult £3.90, child 4-15 £2.30, under fours free.

Just in time for the half-term holiday, a Maze Event has begun at Royal Britain (see listing). Until November 7, visitors are offered a free chance to walk through an indoor William and Mary maze, based on a 17th-century design by G.A. Boeckler. If they can make their way to the centre and out again in under three minutes, they will win a prize. An assortment of other maze designs is on show for them to decipher, including one which is based on the signature of Queen Elizabeth I (above), and another based on a postage stamp of the present Queen.

PACIFIC WRITERS' CONFERENCE: First of its kind in Britain with Maori novelist, Patricia Grace, author of *Mutuwhenua* and *Potiki*, as principal guest *speaker over the three days.* 17 writers from the Cook Islands, to Fiji and New Zealand, will be attending and among the topics discussed will be women's writing, teaching Pacific writing in the UK and the relationship between *new* writing and the traditional oral literature.
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High St, London W8 (Info:01-603 4535 ext.283), today, tomorrow and Sat 9.30am-5pm. £15 day membership.

GALLERIES

DAVID HOCKNEY: A *major* retrospective of paintings, drawings and photo-works opens at the Tate today and is accompanied by complementary London exhibitions.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm. £3. Until Jan 8.
Edition Graphiques Gallery, 3 Clifford St W1 (01-734 3944), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-2pm, free. Until Nov 8.
Waddington Galleries, 2 Cork St, London W1 (01-437 8611), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, *Sat 10am-1pm, free. Until* Nov 19.
Hamiltons, 13 Carlos Place, Grosvenor Sq, W1 (01-499 9493), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm, free. Until Nov 12.
CCA Galleries, 8 Dover St, W1 (01-499 6701), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-4pm, free. Until Nov 5.

TREASURES FOR THE NATION: Artifacts purchased in the last eight years with help from the National Heritage Memorial Fund.
British Museum, Great Russell St, London WC1 (01-636 1555), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, free. Until Feb 26.

ALAN MILLER: Surreal, neo-classical landscape paintings 1985-88.
Flaxman Gallery, 3 Lever St, London EC1 (01-253 9515), Tues-Sun 11am-6pm; free. Until Nov 20.

WAKE UP AND DREAM: Costume designs for Broadway musicals.
Theatre Museum, 1 Tavistock St, London WC2 (01-836 7891), Tues-Sat 11am-8pm, Sun 11am-7pm, £2.25. Until Jan 15.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

BARTOK: SOLTI SERIES: Orchestral and chamber concerts under direction of Sir George Solti, with London Philharmonic and Takacs Quartet. Nov 1-14.
South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-928 8800; info 01-928 3002).

LAW SOCIETY RECITALS: 88/89 programme includes Tallis Scholars, Petersen String Quartet, John Williams, and Villiers Piano Quartet; plus Instant Sunshine Christmas Concert. Nov-April.
Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2 (01-242 1222).

ELLIOTT CARTER AT 80: Two concerts to celebrate composer's birthday with Ensemble Intercontemporain, Pierre Boulez, and Arditti Quartet. Works include first British performance of his Oboe Concerto. Also pieces by Boulez and Donatoni. Dec 12,13.
Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800) (info 01-928 3002) Advance booking open. General booking from Nov 1,2.

LAST CHANCE

BILAS: ART FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA: *First comprehensive exhibition of modern Papua New Guinea art in this* country, with prints, paintings and metalwork showing original natural shades and techniques with feathers and leaves, plus new commercial techniques and dyes. Ends Sunday.
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High St, London W8 (01-603 4535).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Stephanie Billen; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending October 22

FICTION			
1	**Spy Hook**, Len Deighton	Hutchinson	£11.95
2	**The Satanic Verses**, Salman Rushdie	Viking	£12.95
3	**Masterclass**, Morris West	Hutchinson	£10.95
4	**The Edge**, Dick Francis	Michael Joseph	£11.95
5	**Working for Love**, Tessa Dahl	Michael Joseph	£10.95
NON-FICTION			
1	**Reflect on Things Past**, Lord Carrington	Collins	£17.50
2	**A Brief History of Time**, Stephen Hawking	Bantam	£14.95
3	**Upwardly Mobile**, Norman Tebbit	Weidenfeld & Nicholson	£12.95
4	**Rise and Fall of the Great Powers**, P Kennedy	Unwin Hyman	£18.95
5	**Rothschild**, Derek Wilson	Deutsch	£14.95
PAPERBACKS			
1	**Green Consumer Guide**, J Elkington & J Hailes	Gollancz	£ 3.95
2	**Oscar Wilde**, Richard Ellman	Penguin	£ 6.99
3	**At Close Quarters**, Gerald Seymour	Fontana	£ 3.50
4	**1992 European Challenge**, Paolo Cecchini	Wildwood House	£ 6.95
5	**Not That Sort of Girl**, Mary Wesley	Black Swan	£ 3.95
6	**The Past is Myself**, C Bielenberg	Corgi	£ 3.95
7	**Moon Tiger**, Penelope Lively	Penguin	£ 3.99
8	**The Day of Creation**, J G Ballard	Grafton	£ 2.50
9	**Danziger's Travels**, Nick Danziger	Paladin	£ 5.95
10	**The Unbearable Lightness of Being**, M Kundera	Faber	£ 3.95

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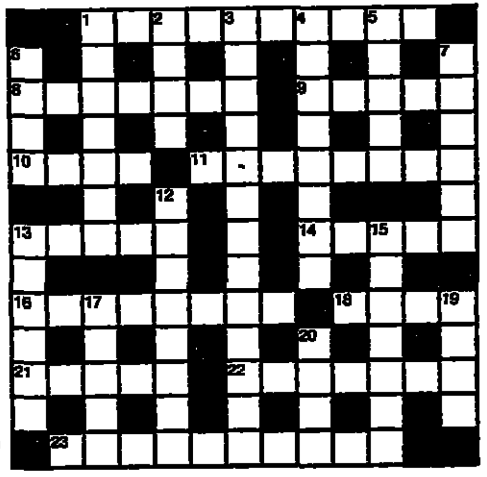

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9 Gale (5)
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11 Cadge (8)
13 Sparkle (5)
14 Tend sick (5)
16 Guiding light (8)
18 Sort through (4)
21 Spanish card game (5)
22 Haughtiness (7)
23 Direct, outspoken (10)

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1 Hubbub (7)
2 Infant (4)
3 Dictionary compiler (13)
4 Reject as unreliable (8)
5 Spurn (5)
6 Wound mark (4)
7 Obstruct (6)
12 Insist again (8)
13 Sound level (6)
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17 Wild Australian dog (5)
19 Weary (4)
20 Breathing sac (4)

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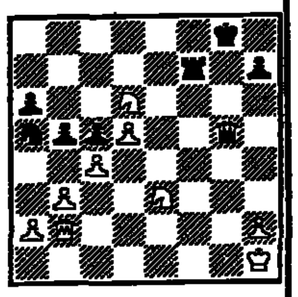
By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Petrosian (White) and Spassky (Black) played in the 1966 world championship. White, to move, wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: White wins with 1 Qh8+

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 The Barber of Seville. Tomor 7.30 Simon Boccanegra.

GLYNDEBOURNE TOURING OPERA at Southampton Mayflower Theatre Commercial Rd Box Office 0703 229771 Oct 25th-29th. Tickets avail at ALL Perfs from £6.50. ENTFUHRUNG "Delightful" B'ham Post. TRAVIATA "Smoulderingly sensual" D.Mail. KATYA KABANOVA "Glyndebourne's New Hit" S.Tel.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

.00 Ceefax AM.
.40 Leon Errol in *Let's Go Stepping* (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Sally Jones. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30;** weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25;** regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather.
.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Bob Wellings and Mike Shaft receive viewers' comments on yesterday's television programmes **9.20** Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject
.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold. European quiz series (r). **10.25** Children's BBC introduced by Andy Crane begins with Playbus **10.50** Jimbo and the Jet Set (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven. Patricia Hayes with a reading
.00 News and weather followed by Open Air presented by Mavis Nicholson and Bob Wellings
2.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Magazine series introduced by Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers **12.55** Regional news and weather
.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30** Neighbours. Mrs Mangel announces she is going to sue Des and Daphne **1.50** Going for Gold. Quarterfinal round of the European general knowledge quiz. The questionmaster is Henry Kelly.
2.15 Film: The First Legion (1951, b/w) starring Charles Boyer and William Demarest. Drama set in a small-town Jesuit seminary where it seems a paralyzed priest is miraculously cured — but one of his colleagues doubts the authenticity. Directed by Douglas Sirk **3.40** Behind the Screen presented by Rob Curling (r).
3.50 Charlie Chalk with the voices of Michael Williams, Barbara Leigh-Hunt and John Wells **4.10** The Snorks **4.20** Beat the Teacher. Quiz game. **4.35** Bad Boyes. Episode two of the 10-part comedy series
5.00 Newsround **5.05** Blue Peter. Yvette Fielding visits Seattle and the Boeing factory which is the biggest building in the world. (Ceefax) **5.35** Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Mike Smartt. Weather.
6.35 London Plus
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Simon Mayo and Anthea Turner. (simultaneous broadcast on stereo Radio 1)
7.30 EastEnders. Sharon has an unnerving encounter with Det Sgt West; and David gives confidential advice on separate matters to Matthew and Duncan. (Ceefax)
8.00 Tomorrow's World includes a report on the dangers to sunbed or sunlamp users; Peter Macann travels on a ferry with a computerized stability system; and Howard Stableford demonstrates a car shower that uses water from the heat exchanger
8.30 The River. Comedy series starring David Essex. (Ceefax)
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party
9.05 News with Martyn Lewis and Mike Smartt. Regional news and weather
9.35 The Lenny Henry Show. Delbert has a stay in hospital. (Ceefax)
10.05 Question Time. Sir Robin Day's guests are Jonathon Porritt, Anne Lesley and MPs Tony Blair and Michael Portillo
11.05 Rapido. French rock music magazine presented by Antoine de Caunes
11.35 The Untouchables (b/w). Eliot Ness and his team battle with New York protection racketeers.
12.20am Weather

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Runway. Travel and general knowledge quiz. **9.55** Thames news and weather **10.00** The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject
10.40 This Morning. Today's edition of the magazine series includes, at **11.00**, an item on ways of coping with family problems; and, at **11.45**, advice on furniture refurbishment
12.10 Puddle Lane. **12.30** Santa Barbara. Glossy American soap set in sun-kissed California
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20** Thames news and weather
1.30 Nocon on Photography. Gene Nocon profiles natural history photographer Heather Angel at work in the New Forest **2.00** Richmond Hill. Australian drama serial **2.55** Home Cookery Club. Choux Pastry Savoury
3.00 Take the High Road. Mrs McTaggart "cocks a deafie" which upsets Dougal **3.25** Thames news and weather **3.30** Sons and Daughters.
4.00 Button Moon. Puppet series **4.10** The Adventures of Tintin (r). **4.20** Gilbert's Fridge **4.50** Dangermouse (r). (Oracle)
5.15 Blockbusters.
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong **6.00** Thames news and weather
6.25 Help with details of the Southwark Mediation Project
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Joe is furious with Phil Brunt after Alan Turner stabs him in the back.
7.00 Jimmy's. Real life dramas with the patients and staff of St James's University Hospital, Leeds.
7.30 Chain Letters. Word association game
8.00 The Bill. The Sun Hill Police Station receives a visit from a man who confesses to killing his wife 30 years ago. (Oracle)
8.30 This Week: A Better View. A documentary about the future of the British television industry
9.00 The Equalizer. Adventure series about a former intelligence officer who runs a one-man security organization in Manhattan.
9.55 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party
10.00 News at Ten with Carol Barnes and Alastair Stewart **10.30** Thames news and weather
10.35 The City Programme. On the eve of the publication of British Steel's pathfinder prospectus, a look at the chances of a successful sell-off; and an assessment of the City Airport's first year.
11.05 01 for London includes David Hockney, Yoko Ono, Joan Collins Fan Club, Alun Armstrong and Jeremy Hardy. Plus music from Mica Paris and the Kranof Quartet. Followed by Crimestoppers
11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama series set in an Australian women's prison
12.30am A Problem Aired. Dr Sue Blake counsels Theresa, in her early 30s, who has pre-menstrual tension that totally changes her entire personality for one week every month. Because of this she is unable to make love to her husband of 18 months
1.00 What the Papers Say with freelance journalist Michael Leapman
1.15 Rock in the Dock. The reggae band Aswad in concert
2.15 News headlines followed by Film: The Tender Years (1947, b/w) starring Joe E. Brown. Drama, set in late 19th century America, about fighting dog that escapes from its master to be befriended by a vicar and his family. Directed by Harold Schuster.
4.00 News headlines followed by Too Close for Comfort. Comedy series
4.30 America's Top Ten (r).
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **9.20** Daytime on Two: children solve a crime by working out riddles **9.40** Information technology **10.00** Science: analyzing **10.25** Thinkabout **10.40** Measurement **11.00** Mary, Queen of Scots **11.20** Concrete in the landscape **11.40** The lure of motor cars **12.10** Trigonometry **12.30** Issues **12.55** The Technical and Vocational Initiative.
1.25 Little Misses and the Mister Men (r). **1.40** Music Time (r). **2.00** News and weather followed by Watch (r).
2.15 One Man and His Dog. Heat two — three Scots shepherds (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by The Musk Connection. A World about Us documentary on the substance that is three times more valuable than gold (r).
3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Dr Kildare. The final episode of the medical drama serial (r).
4.25 Travellers in Time. The first attempt to climb Everest (r). **4.55** Rock Athlete. The second of three films on rock climbing (r).
5.25 Holiday Outings. Denmark (r).
5.35 Country File (r).
6.00 Film: The Man Who Could Work Miracles (1936, b/w) starring Roland Young and Ralph Richardson. Based on an H. G. Wells tale, the story of a draper's assistant who is endowed with miraculous powers. Directed by Lothar Mendes.
7.20 Maestro: Cliff Morgan. (see Choice)
8.00 Open Space: Women of God. The movement for the ordination of women put their case (r).
8.30 Top Gear includes a test drive of the new Volvo.
9.00 Alexei Sayle's Stuff. Off-beat comedy series
9.30 40 Minutes: I Want to Live. The story of a woman's fight against cancer (Ceefax).
10.10 Nothing by Chance. Comedy and songs from Gilly Darbey and Keith Donnelly
10.40 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party
10.45 Newsnight **11.30** Weather.
11.35 Ibiza 92. Pop concert (r). Ends at **12.15am**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Glyn Mathias and Alastair Stewart.
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service
1.00 Autocare. Part four of an Open College course on car purchase and maintennce (r). (Oracle)
1.30 Powerbase. The fourth of five programmes on electricity (r). (Oracle)
2.00 Mighty Moments From World History. Part two — Lawrence of Arabia. Presented by the National Theatre of Brent, alias Patrick Barlow and Robert Austin (r).
3.00 A People's War. Part two examines the impact of the Blitz on Britons (r). (Oracle)
4.00 Time to Talk. Gerald Priestland talks to Lesley Judd about his life and religious faith (r).
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. General knowledge quiz game
5.00 Baseball. Highlights of game six of the World Series (r).
6.00 The Abbott and Costello Show (b/w). Bud and Lou have trouble with their landlord
6.30 The Sharp End. This first of a new series presented by Carol Barnes includes a report on the Sunderland shipyards facing closure; and news from Hungary where the Communist authorities are about to legislate free trade unions.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen. Weather. **7.50** Comment
8.00 Hot Property. Magazine series for home dwellers.
8.30 A Different World. American college comedy
9.00 Tanner '88. The final episode of the superior satirical comedy about the Democratic presidential nomination campaign starring Michael Murphy and written by Garry Trudeau
10.00 True Stories: Grey Gardens. A documentary, made by David and Albert Maysles, in which two eccentrics — Jacqueline Onassis's aunt and cousin who live together in a barely habitable mansion on Long Island — reminisce (r). (Oracle)
11.50 Film: Alpine Fire (1985). (see Choice). Ends at **2.00am**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES: 6.35pm-7.00** Wales Today **12.20am-12.25** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **8.30-9.00** Superscot **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Neighbours **8.30-9.00** Spotlight **11.35** The River **12.05am** Weather **ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** About Anglia **10.35** Frontiers **11.05** Carpenter's Craft Halloween **1.45am** Jethro Tull **1.45** Pop Profile **2.00** Sportsworld **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.40** Kojak **4.35-5.00** Fifty Years On.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **3.00** Gardening Time **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround **10.35** Wallace **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Film: March or Die **2.00am** Sportsworld **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.45** Night Beat **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.35pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** News **10.35** Central Lobby. **11.05** Return to Eden **11.55** Film: Blazing Magnum **1.50** Sportsworld **2.45** The Time...The Place... **3.30** The Icicle Works **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Channel Report **10.35** Facing South **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00am** Hodson Confidential **12.30** Film: Satan's Triangle **2.00** Sports Action **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.40** Quiz Night **4.10** America's Top 10 **4.40-5.00** Fifty Years On.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Grampian news **3.00-3.30** Pin Money **6.00-6.30** North Tonight **10.35** Crann Tara **11.05** Shamrock, Rose and Thistle **11.30** What the Papers Say **11.45** Twilight Zone **12.00am** Film: March or Die **2.00** Sportsworld **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.40** Night Beat **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Granada Reports **10.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.30** What the Papers Say **11.45** Twilight Zone **12.00am** Film: March or Die **2.00am** Sportsworld **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.45** Night Beat **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** News **10.35** West This Week **11.25** Weekend Outlook **11.35** The Fugitive* **12.35am** Film: Will Penny **2.30** Quiz Night **3.00** The West This Week **4.00-6.00** Transworld Sport.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00-6.30pm** Wales at Six **10.35** Wales This Week **11.05-11.35** Rugby Round-Up.

SCOTTISH As London except: **1.20pm** Scotland Today **3.00** Living It Up **3.30-4.00** Human Factor **6.00-6.35** Scotland Today **7.30-8.00** Scottish Questions **10.35** Magnum **11.30** Scottish Picture Show **11.45** Twilight Zone **12.00am** Film: March or Die **2.00** Sportsworld **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.45** Off The Wall **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Today **10.35** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **11.35** California Highway **12.00** Film: March or Die **2.00am** Sportsworld **3.00am** The Time...The Place... **3.40** Night Beat **4.45** Jobfinder.

TVS As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **10.35** Facing South **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00am** Hodson Confidential **12.30** Film: Satan's Triangle **2.00** Sports Action **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.40** Quiz Night **4.10** America's Top 10 **4.40-5.00** Fifty Years On.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **10.35** Northern Eye **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00am** Film: March or Die **2.00** Sportsworld **3.00** The Time...The Place... **4.00** Night Beat **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Newstime **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Six Tonight **6.20-6.30** Police Six **10.35** Counterpoint **11.05** Carson's Law **12.00am** Film: March or Die **2.00** Sportsworld **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.40** Night Beat **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Calendar **10.40** Leeds Film 100 **11.10** Film: The Music Man* **1.50am** Love, American Style **2.00** POV **3.00** Sledge Hammer **3.30** Music Box **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: **9.30am** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol Y Cwm **12.30** Newyddion **12.35** Flaistbalam **1.00** Open College **1.30** Power Base **2.00** Parliament Programme **2.30** Film: Bataan* **4.30** Fifteen to One **5.00** Baseball **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** Hafoc **6.40** Pobol y Cwm **7.00** O Vaughan i Fynwy **8.00** Dinas **8.30** Newyddion **8.55** Sbd **10.00** Signals **11.15** Les Bicyclettes de Belsize **11.50** Film: Alpine Fire **2.00am** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **2.30pm** Room for Change **3.00** Live at Three **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** Onedin Line **5.30** Country Practice **6.00** Angelus **6.01** Six-One **6.45** Garda Patrol **7.00** Top of the Pops **7.30** Know Your Sport **8.00** Jack and the Fat Man **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Bibi **11.10** Hard Times **11.45** Man and Market **11.50** Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Dempsey's Den **3.00** Floradora Folk **3.10** Care Bears **3.40** Owl Service **4.10** Pat's Pals **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.45** Once Upon a Time ... Life **5.25** Campbells **6.00** Jo-Maxi **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Nuacht Agus Cursai **7.30** Airwaves **8.00** Return Journey **9.00** Mork and Mindy **9.30** Falcon Crest **10.50** Nighthawks **11.30** Closedown.

Rugby's Welsh wizard

TELEVISION CHOICE

The legendary rugby union player, Cliff Morgan, as he looked when he was a fly-half for Wales (BBC2, 7.20pm)

● The ebullient Cliff Morgan is Barry Davies's guest in the occasional series **Maestro** (BBC2, 7.20pm). The peerless Cardiff and Welsh international fly-half, who set new standards of play in the 1950s, talks freely about his sporting career — happily illustrated with vintage clips of his speed and guile against the tightest of defences. When he did retire from the field of play, it did not mean that sport had lost one of its finest ambassadors. His cheekiness and confidence convinced Hywel Davies, then head of BBC Wales, that he would be the man for the job of introducing and producing a new television sports programme. Morgan, who had never seen a studio, quickly accepted. This entertaining encounter is immeasurably helped by Barry Davies's gentle questioning which gives the eloquent Welshman the chance to enchant.

● The last word on Switzerland was uttered most notably by Harry Lime/Orson Welles in *The Third Man*: "Five hundred years of peace and prosperity to produce the cuckoo clock." *writes Chris Petit.* Swiss cinema, though occasionally notable, still awaits its masterpiece, though Fredi Murer's 1985 film, **Alpine Fire** (C4, 11.50pm), might well be it: an extraordinary blend of documentary realism (harsh farming life in a remote valley through the changing seasons) and surrealism (passion, incest, murder). Buñuel would have approved, absolutely.

Radio 1

VHF stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30** and **12.30am**
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Simon Leach) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.00** Top of the Pops (with BBC1) **7.30** Almost Going Live on Radio 1 with Phillip Schofield **8.30** Andy Kershaw **10.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30-2.00** Richard Skinner

Radio 2

VHF stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the hour
4.00 Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Wally Whyton **9.00** Lon Satton's Gospel Jubilee **10.00** The News Huddlines **10.30** Humoresque (new series) with Tony Capstick **11.00** Brian Matthew with Round Midnight **1.00** Bill Rennells with Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT.
7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 Juste Plain Madness 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Country Style 8.30 John Peel 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 Society Today 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Assignment 10.30 The Million Pound Radio Show 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 Book Choice 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 2 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Folk in Britain 2.00 Outlook, opening with World News 2.45 Write On ... 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 Assignment 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News 5.09 Commentary 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Programmes in German 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 Meridian 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Talking From ... 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 World News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Seven Seas 11.30 Smith and Son 11.40 The Farming World 12.00 World News 12.09 News about Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Music Now 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Folk in Britain 1.45 Talking From ... 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Tech Talk 2.30 Citizens 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 The Vintage Chart Show 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 648 News Headlines 5.55 Financial News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, followed by News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Boyce (Symphony No 4 in F: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Glazunov (Violin Concerto in A minor: RCA Orchestra under Walter Hendl with Jascha Heifetz)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Offenbach (Barcarolle (Les Contes d'Hoffman): Berlin PO under Herbert von Karajan); Paganini (Etude No 3 (La Campanella): Andrei Gavrilov, piano); Haydn (Symphony No 44 in E minor (Trauer): Philharmonia Hungarica under Antal Dorati); Chopin (Variations in B flat on La ci darem, Op 2: LPO under Eliahu Inbal with Claudio Arrau, piano)
8.35 Composers of the Week: Bizet. L'arlésienne (Suite No 1): Montreal SO under Charles Dutoit; Variations chromatiques: Annie D'Arco (piano); Pastel; La Chanson du fou: Bruno Laplante (baritone) with Marc Durand (piano); L'Arlésienne (Suite No 2): Montreal SO under Dutoit
9.35 Telemann: Trio Sonnerie with Wilbert Hazelzet (flute) play Fantasia in F sharp minor (No 10 of 12 for solo flute): Trio Sonata in A minor; Viola da Fantasia in B minor (No 3 of 12 for solo flute); and Paris Quartet No 3 in A (Sonata Prima) (r)
10.35 Scottish Chamber Orchestra: Trevor Pinnock conducts Bach's Suite No 3 in d; Haydn's Concerto in D (H XVII 11); Telemann's Concerto polonois; and Stravinsky's Suite from Pulcinella
11.25 Brahms: Piano Quintet in F minor: Varsovia String Quartet with Yitkin Seow (piano) (r)
12.05 Sibelius: BBC Scottish SO under Jerzy Maksymiuk perform Karelia; and Suite from Symphony No 5 in E flat
1.00 News
1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: Live from Birmingham. Paul Crossley (piano) plays Beethoven's Sonata in C minor Op 13 (Pathétique); Takemitsu's Rain Tree Sketch; and Poulenc's Les Soirées de Nazelles
2.00 Salomon String Quartet: Simon Standage and Micaela Comberti (violins), Trevor Jones (viola) and Jennifer Ward Clarke (cello) perform Boccherini's Quartet in C minor Op 1 No 1; Vanhal's Quartet in C minor Op 1 NO 4; and Haydn's Quartet in E Op 2 No 2 (r)
2.50 Scarlatti Sonatas: Melvyn Tan (harpsichord) plays Three Sonatas in E (Kk 134-136); Sonata in D minor (Kk 41); and Two Sonatas in F (Kk 366 and 367) (r)
3.20 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Bryden Thomson conducts Vaughan Williams's Dona nobis pacem; and Elgar's Violin Concert in B minor. With the Halle Choir and Nigel Kennedy (violin), Yvonne Kenny (soprano) and Peter Savidge (baritone). Includes **3.55** Interval reading (r)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: With Jeremy Siepmann
6.30 Bandstand: British Aerospace Wingates Band conducted by Geoffrey Brand perform Bantock's Festival March: Symphonic Prelude: Prometheus Unbound: and Overture to The Frogs
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: American composer Steve Reich talks to Nicholas Kenyon about his work
7.30 Cello and Piano: Alexander Baillie (cello) and Peter Evans (piano) play Popper's Hungarian Rhapsody and Davidov's Five Pieces for cello and piano
8.00 Elisa e Claudio (Act one): Live from the Theatre Royal Wexford. Saverio Mercadante's two act opera performed in Italian by the Wexford Festival Opera and the Radio Telefis Eireann SO under Marco Guidarini. With Lena Nordin (soprano), Janos Bandi (tenor) and Alice Baker (mezzo soprano). Includes **9.00** Roberto Sanesi and Edwin Morgan talk to Joseph Farrell about the problems of translating poetry **9.30** Act two.
10.45 Wanda Landowska: 1939 and 1940 recordings of sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti (mono)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Howard Ferguson and Gerald Finzi. Finzi (Grand Fantasia and Toccata, Op 38; and Lo the Full Final Sacrifice); Ferguson (Concerto for Piano and String Orchestra Op 12) (r)
12.00 News
12.05 Wolf 88: Harfenspieler I (Wer sich der Einsamkeit ergibt): Hans Hotter (baritone) with Gerald Moore (piano). Ends **12.10am.**

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on **VHF**
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts: John Waite investigates companies, officialdom and bureaucracy on behalf of members of the public (r)
9.30 From Sea to Shining Sea: Sally Hardcastle talks to Americans across the USA reflect on the six men who have occupied the White House over the past 25 years (5) Jimmy Carter (r)
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm investigate the effects of dam building
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens
11.25 Conversation Piece: James Roose-Evans, theatre director, writer and worker-priest, talks to Sue MacGregor (see Choice)
11.50 First Person: Danny de Souza, who spent 12 years in a Turkish jail, talks about his experiences (5 of 13)
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25 Film Star: Alexander Walker reviews the screen career of James Stewart (r) (see Choice) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.35 A Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes an interview with Patricia Finney, winner of the Radio Times Drama Award; plus items on the integration of alternative medicine in the NHS, the psychology of motherhood, and a look at the portrayal of the English in films
3.00 News; Young Playwrights Festival: The Family that Plays Together: Play by Joel Smith. With Hedli Niklaus (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf: As part of Scottish Books Fortnight, Nigel Forde talks to historian John Prebble about Scotland's troubled past
4.35 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Counterpoint: Ned Sherrin hosts a general musical knowledge quiz (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers? Brian Gear with a selection of listeners' responses to subjects raised in last week's Any Questions?
7.30 The Radio Programme (new series): Laurie Taylor returns with the magazine about radio and its programmes (r)
8.00 A Sideways Look at . . . With Anthony Smith (r)
8.15 Analysis: After the General. Following President Zia's death in August, John Keay examines Pakistan's growing problems of ethnic unrest and social disorder, and the country's prospects
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Kati Whitaker presents the magazine for disabled listeners and their families
9.30 Andy Kershaw with recordings from the BBC Sound Archives (r)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes an interview with David Leveaux about The Father at the Cottesloe Theatre, a feature on U2's film Rattle and Hum, an interview with Alistair McLellan and a review of Radio 4's God's Revolution, a 12-part series about Oliver Cromwell
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: No Surrender by Robert Harbinson (4 of 10) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **9.05-10.45am** For Schools: **9.05** Preview **9.10** Together — An Assembly for Schools **9.30** Living Language **9.50** First Steps in Drama **10.10** Something to Think About **10.29** Tales of Narnia **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Teachers' Talk **11.05** In the News **11.30** Pictures in Your Mind **11.40** Listen! **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Looking at Nature **2.20** Stambash Wangs of a Compo Gormer **2.40** Science for All **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time: Our Changing World — Issues, For and Against **12.30** Open Cast Mining: Sheffield **12.50** Container Port Falmouth

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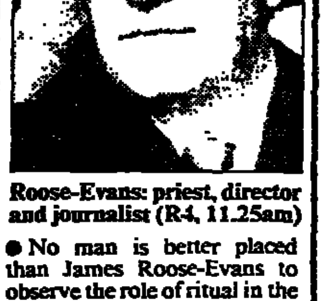
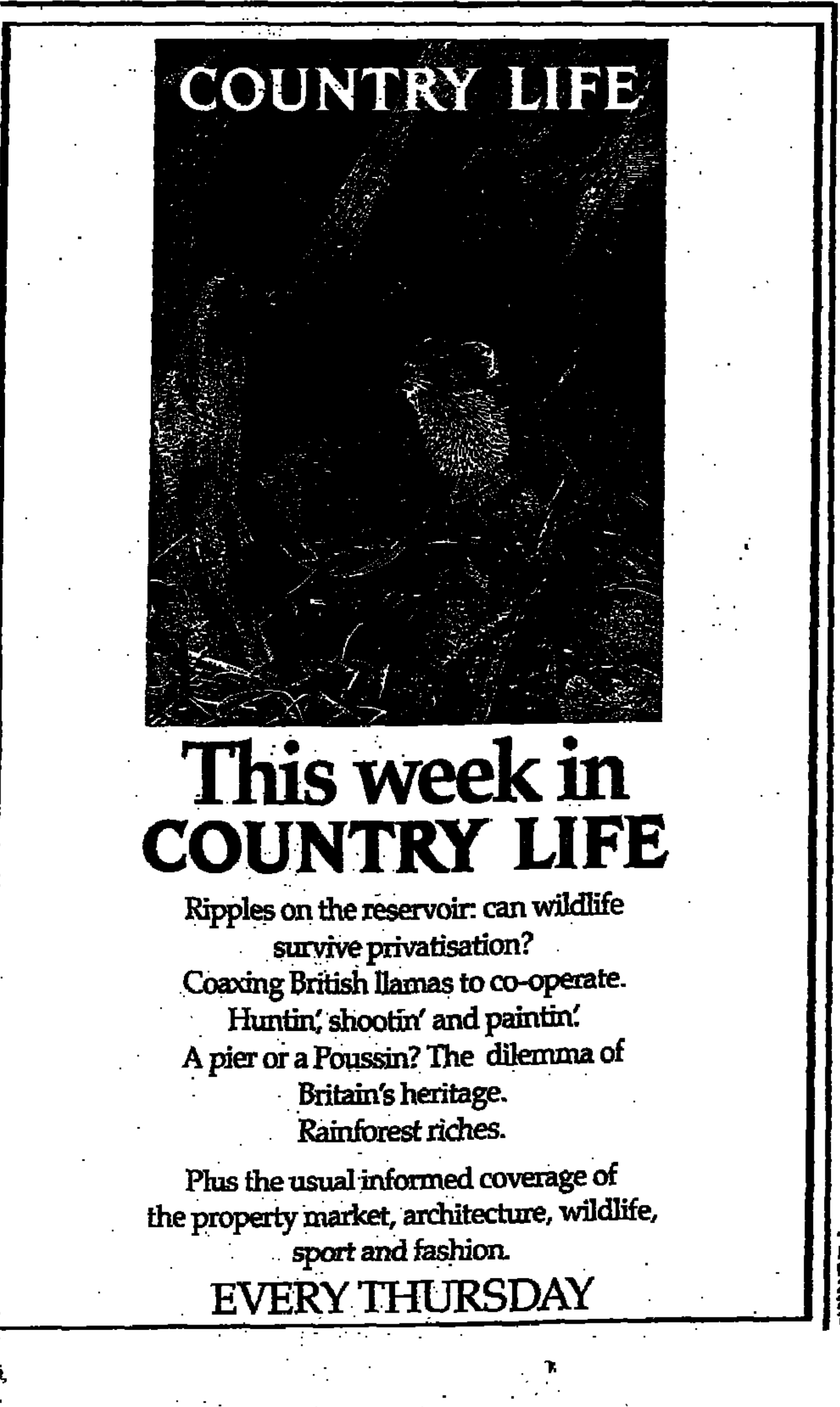


Roose-Evans: priest, director and journalist (R4, 11.25am)

● No man is better placed than James Roose-Evans to observe the role of ritual in the relationship between theatre and religion. He is both stage director and worker-priest, and this week's **Conversation Piece** (Radio 4, 11.25am) benefits considerably from having two interviewees for the price of one — three if you add the actor in Roose-Evans, and four if you include the writer/adapter (*Re:Joyce* and *Cider with Rosie*) in him. What all this adds up to, as well as a wide-ranging edition of *Conversation Piece*, is that Sue MacGregor, the interviewer, has had to do at least twice as much homework as usual to cope with the four Roose-Evanses. Like them, she has acquired some useful hints about the importance of ritual in the field of communication. This could explain why she absorbs the news with aplomb when Roose-Evans reveals that he was once a spiritual agony aunt on a women's magazine and would ask some nun friends of his to join him in praying for the readers whose problems were grist to his priestly and journalistic mills.

● Also warmly recommended: Alexander Walker's profile of James Stewart in **Film Star** (Radio 4, 12.25pm).

Peter Davalle



COUNTRY LIFE

This week in COUNTRY LIFE

Ripples on the reservoir: can wildlife survive privatisation?
Coaxing British llamas to co-operate.
Huntin', shootin' and paintin'.
A pier or a Poussin? The dilemma of Britain's heritage.
Rainforest riches.
Plus the usual informed coverage of the property market, architecture, wildlife, sport and fashion.
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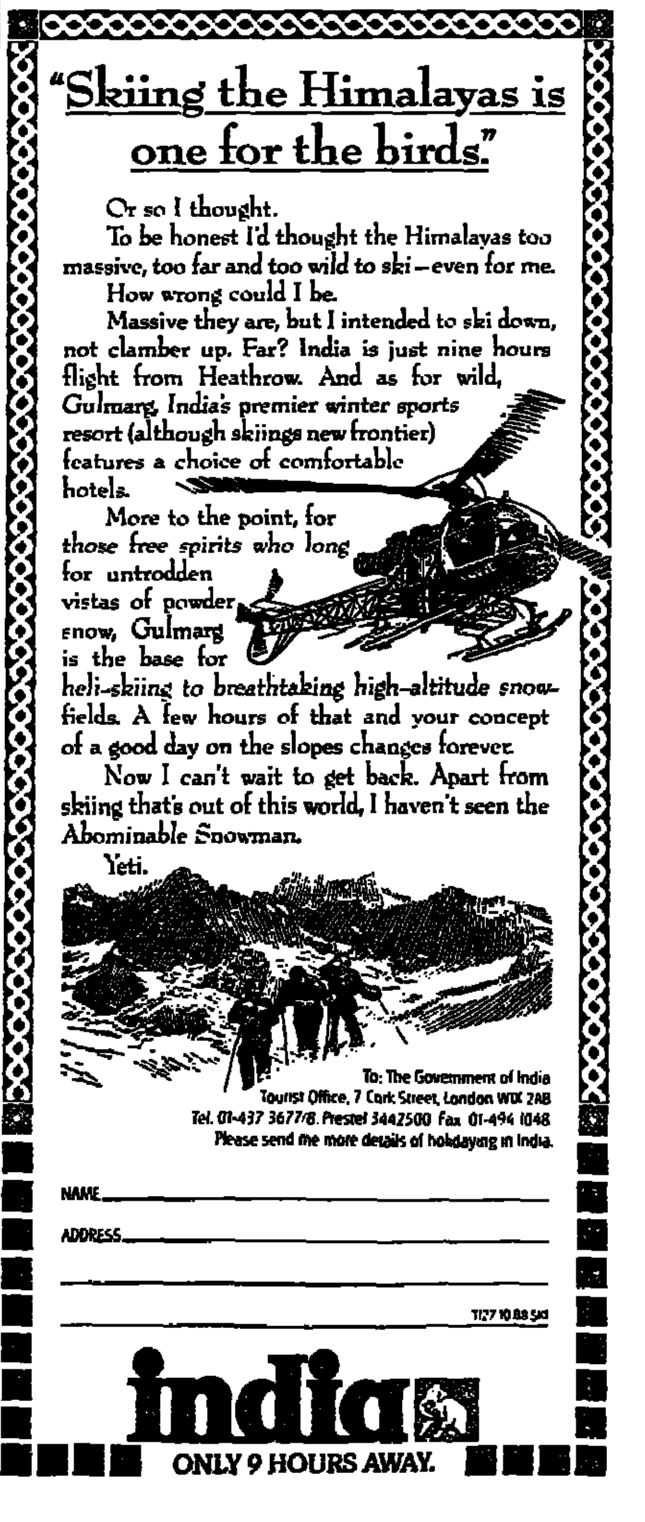

"Skiing the Himalayas is one for the birds."

Or so I thought.

To be honest I'd thought the Himalayas too massive, too far and too wild to ski — even for me.

How wrong could I be.

Massive they are, but I intended to ski down, not clamber up. Far? India is just nine hours flight from Heathrow. And as for wild, Gulmarg, India's premier winter sports resort (although skiing's new frontier) features a choice of comfortable hotels.

More to the point, for those free spirits who long for untrodden vistas of powder snow, Gulmarg is the base for heli-skiing to breathtaking high-altitude snowfields. A few hours of that and your concept of a good day on the slopes changes forever.

Now I can't wait to get back. Apart from skiing that's out of this world, I haven't seen the Abominable Snowman.

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Fleet of canoes search for ferry survivors

Fishermen in the Philippines directing their canoes towards the area about 200 miles south of Manila where the ferry Dona Marilyn sank, to join the search for survivors of the disaster.

**From Humphrey Hawksley
Manila**

Rescue officials said yesterday that about 150 people had been found safe after the ferry disaster in the Philippines on Monday, when the M. V. Dona Marilyn sank in a typhoon 300 miles south of Manila.

Dozens of fishermen in canoes joined yesterday's search and helped survivors ashore. The ferry's owners, Sulpicio Lines, said 120 people were on the remote Almagro island, near the eastern province of Samar. Many swam with life-jackets after abandoning the ferry at the height of the storm. Others arrived in lifeboats or were picked up by the fishermen.

Mr Alberto Oledan, aged 29, said he was knocked overboard as the ferry capsized. He was wearing a life-jacket and his wife and two children clung to him, but they had slipped from him when they became tired.

Relatives of other victims gathered outside the company's offices in Manila. But despite initial optimism, many soon realized that their families may be among the estimated 300 people still missing.

President Aquino ordered an investigation. The Dona Marilyn's sister ship, Dona Paz, sank just before Christmas last year with the loss of an estimated 3,000 lives.

The extent of the damage caused by Typhoon Ruby has become clearer. More than 100 other people have died, 100,000 are homeless and the rice crop has been severely damaged.

During the storm, Mr James Anderson, aged 58, a Scottish tourist, dived into the sea off Manila to help save the crew of a cargo vessel which broke its moorings. He saw the ship in trouble from his hotel room and raced to the scene.

MPs angry at silence on future of Gurkhas

By *Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter*

The all-party Commons defence select committee angrily dismissed senior Ministry of Defence officials yesterday after they repeatedly failed to answer questions on the future of the Brigade of Gurkhas.

The committee is to demand that an MoD minister appears before it next week. Should he too decline to answer the questions the scene would be set for a serious clash between Parliament and the executive.

Some MPs fear the MoD has decided over the summer to reduce sharply co-operation with the committee, which produced a string of critical reports before the recess. The committee consulted the MoD before starting this inquiry and is due to depart on a fact-finding visit to Hong Kong and Nepal late next week.

Yesterday's disagreement was over the refusal of Mr Nicholas Bevan, an Assistant Under-Secretary of State, to say what stage the MoD had reached in deciding on the Gurkhas' future, whether Defence Chiefs of Staff had yet been consulted, and by how much the brigade could be reduced in size and still remain viable.

Mr Bevan cited the established convention that officials do not disclose advice to ministers.

Mr Michael Mates, the committee's Tory chairman, said the questions were straightforward and factual. He adjourned the meeting for 17 minutes after MPs protested.

He said: "I am coming to the conclusion the best thing to do is suspend the meeting. I have never done this. I have never seen it done in the nine years I have served on the committee".

Mr Mates asked Mr Bevan once more if he would answer the questions. Mr Mates abandoned the meeting when Mr Bevan refused and said the committee would be summoning a minister.

An MoD spokesman insisted that the MoD had given the committee a full memorandum on the background to the Gurkhas and had made clear that the Gurkhas had a future.

"There is only a question about the scale of that future. Clearly ministers will take a judgement after consulting professional military and civilian advisers. It is quite against the rules for officials to answer questions on that judgement before ministers have considered their advice."

He denied the MoD was withdrawing co-operation from the committee and said a minister would happily appear before the committee next week.

The Gurkhas' principal base is in Hong Kong where British sovereignty ends in 1997.

Political prisoners to be freed

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Shevardnadze's visit to Paris earlier this month.

Herr Kohl noted yesterday that Bonn's agreement was conditional on the Kremlin meeting the accepted standards for such conferences, "and providing that further substantial conditions will be clarified".

West Germany's acceptance of a Moscow conference leaves only Britain and the US among the main powers opposed to the idea. A Whitehall source said that, if the release of political prisoners turned out to be a radical change in Moscow's human rights policy, then Britain might review its objections. But there was scepticism that the Soviet Union would release everyone regarded by the West as a political prisoner.

Herr Kohl said both leaders had instructed their foreign ministers to re-examine the 1971 quadripartite agreement on Berlin, signed by the four allied powers.

Moore fights back with new package

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figures which he is seeking will not fully honour the Prime Minister's pledge to protect the average liability of those on social security.

"It is another example of this government cheating those who are dependent on it for their income from benefit."

Mr Cook also maintained that on the basis of Mr Moore's figures the national average community charge would be higher than the Government had predicted.

The Department of Social Security responded last night by issuing a statement in which it said that the leaked paper was already out-of-date.

"This is part of a single document, written six weeks ago, at an early stage in negotiations which has been taken out of context and misused.

"The outcome to be announced tomorrow is a fair settlement to compensate all those on income support for their average liability and give substantially more than that to the majority. This fulfils the Prime Minister's pledge."

The leaked letter will figure prominently in Labour's attack on Mr Moore today. In the annual benefit upratings statement he will announce increased resources for the family credit and income support schemes introduced in April, designed specifically to help low-income families in work and poor families out of work.

Those increases, understood to cost well below the £130 million the Government will save by freezing child benefit, will be supplemented by other measures.

Ministers accept that a hard core up up to 30 Conservative MPs could rebel over the child benefit freeze, and they are resigned to a sustained assault on them today from Labour and disaffected Tories.

Senior backbenchers said yesterday that there was far more steam in the expected revolt over the imposition of eye and dental charges.

Political sketch

The question that just faded away

The quality of insolence is not strained. It is demonstrated not by loud raspberries. A shrug of the shoulders, some small courtesy omitted, a without-so-much-as-a-by-your-leave. Thus we nettle our fellows with an indifference more eloquent than words.

Sir Peter Emery had a question down about Barlow Clowes. Nothing unusual about that. But something, or someone, had persuaded him that it would be better not to ask it after all, in Wedneday's Questions on Industry.

"He's been got at!" yelled Labour's Frank Haynes. Who knows? Even if true, who would condemn? An angry whip in a dark corridor (or, more formidable, a friendly whip over a large whisky) can put a compelling argument.

It's just that there's an unspoken convention that one makes some polite excuse for withdrawing a question. And pressure from the Government would be a rather *impolite* excuse so far as Mr Speaker is concerned. Mr Speaker encourages the thought that the Government is not entirely in control of what is discussed in the Chamber, even if it can control what is decided. And in this naughty world, a presumption — sadly — does arise that a mute Member is a gagged Member. So even if Sir Peter's critics were wrong, it would on the whole have been better for him to have been diplomatically ill.

But here he was, large as life and silent as the grave, as his question was called — or *rather not called*. Uproar broke out on the Opposition benches. More interestingly, Sir Peter's Conservative pals looked — shall we say — not as distressed at his discomfort as loyalty perhaps required. Boys who trip up on their way to hand an apple to the teacher often encounter similar sniggers from their classmates. "*I* think it would be helpful if a Member who withdraws his Question was not in the Chamber", Mr Speaker had remarked. "My money's on Frank", said Dennis Skinner, as Frank Haynes moved menacingly (not that Frank could move *un*menacingly if he tried) across the floor towards Sir Peter, who rose and accompanied him from the Chamber. Later, Sir Peter returned.

"A degree of quiet" on Clowes was needed: "If politicians would be a little quiet" he explained, "then it is just possible that we can be successful."

This is an extraordinary view! I must tell Sir Peter that if politicians would be a little quiet then politicians would be a little redundant.

What, in fact, *is* it that politicians do? Tony Baldry skidded sickeningly towards this question, then veered away in the nick of time. He was making the point (*via* a question) that we require professionals to be competent, not just competitive, at what they do. Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark had attacked "restrictive practices" in the professions. But would you want your appendix removed, or your will composed, by a layman, Mr Baldry asked; "Or a politician", someone murmured from a sedentary position. Those of us who heard it, *whispered the next question*: what *would* you want done by a politician?

Francis Maude, a junior industry minister, shocked the House by ruling out something that the Thatcher generation thinks politicians can do easily: "We cannot alter geography", he announced to James Wallace, who had inquired how the benefits of 1992 could be brought equally to the whole country. Mr Wallace's Scots modesty kept him from spelling out the real import of his question: whether his constituency of Orkney and Shetland could be towed to within striking distance of the Single *European Market*.

Simon Hughes's Welsh modesty never stops him from spelling things out. Questions from Mr Hughes are invariably double barrelled. First comes the moral principle; no Hughes utterance is complete without an appeal to moral principle. Next comes the application of that principle to Bermondsey. No Hughes principle is complete without an application to Bermondsey. Wednesday's questions had kicked off with a sermonette from Simon on revitalizing the inner cities: but it all (finally) turned out to be about jobs in Bombay Wharf, poaching Bermondsey. I wonder how Mr Hughes would ask you to pass the salt?

Matthew Parris

Curbs on loan sharks

Continued from page 1

give trading standards officers much tougher powers to act against brokers and others who appeared to be acting improperly. Some businesses could be forced to suspend trading immediately while their affairs were investigated.

Mr Maude likened this proposal to measures open to regulatory authorities under the Financial Services Act.

He said: "We are trying to make sure that the focus of attention is on those who seek to exploit the consumer."

He said that although up to a half of the 200,000 businesses currently licensed under the Consumer Credit Act would no longer need licences, any broker with a bad record would have to apply.

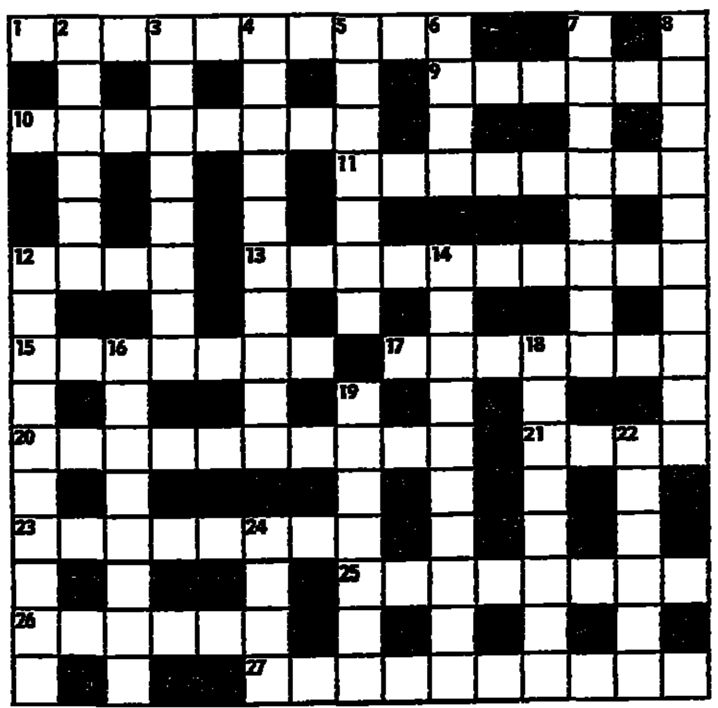
It is also proposed that there be a register of companies which have had their licences or applications for licences refused or revoked.

Those businesses that do require a licence — and this includes lenders — will have to have their licences reviewed every three years.

Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, said that while he accepted that the credit licensing system needed to be reviewed he was concerned about the removal of brokers from the licensing net.

The present system has been in operation since 1976.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,811



ACROSS

1 Jasper spotted this green gem (10).
9 Fail to justify fellow's confidence (6).
10 The way the Spanish take part in auction for a little fish (8).
11 Quicker way to produce a crop (5,3).
12 It's expensive to express sympathy with me (4).
13 It helps to prevent hard water in the block! (10).
15 "And heard a —— on a dolphin's back" (*M.N. Dream*) (7).
17 Choose artist to appear in Greek *tragedy* (7).
20 Being mentally ill, subjected to analysis (6,4).
21 Mischievous child is hit with sticks (4).
23 Have no hesitation in stealing drink (8).
25 Realise stock — it is coming up for sale (4,4).
26 Meeting where the other side are invited to reply (6).
27 Overripe pheasant, perhaps — it's repulsive to most people (6,4).

DOWN

2 Association or Rugby game? (6).
3 Do murals to order in Salisbury (3,5).
4 Greeting from a sultan to one in distress (10).
5 One of the problems with a large corporation (7).
6 River bore on the move (4).
7 Rising man takes Indian tea — sounds diplomatic (8).
8 Bad article on German currency is irrelevant (3,3,4).
12 *Stand down beside limo after* crash (10).
14 Crammed naval hero into the hold (4,6).
16 Cross supporter's abusive sound broadcast (4-4).
18 Beat music pounding out in the plant (8).
19 Bound to run from a bumper (7).
22 Have a smoke in "Ring round the Moon"? (6).
24 Day that is not ended.

Concise crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?
HOLY WRIT

By Philip Howard

BARUCH
a. A strict Levite
b. A Midian god
c. A prophet's secretary

JEMIMA
a. A rich heiress
b. A warrior prophetess
c. The mother of Peter

MICHAL
a. The angel of war
b. The wife of David
c. A minor prophet

HUZ
a. An Assyrian king
b. A town in Moab
c. Abraham's nephew

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,810

F	L	I	G	H	T		P	A	S	T	I	M	E	S
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H		Y		T		P		O		A		I		N
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F	L	A	I	R		P	O	T	S	H	E	R	D	
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	M	A	J	E	S	T	I	C		T	I	A	R	A
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S	L	A	P	D	A	S	H		S	T	O	R	E	Y

WEATHER

North and north-west Scotland will be cloudy with some rain, the rest of Scotland will have showers with a little sunshine. Northern Ireland, Wales, south-west Scotland and west England will have sunny spells after early mist but also a few showers. The rest of England will become generally dry with sunny spells. Outlook: some rain in the north, becoming colder and mostly dry. Mild with rain at times in the south.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	22	72	s	Malaga	20	68	c
Akrotiri	24	75	f	Malta	23	73	s
Amst'dm	13	55	f	Melb'rne	29	84	s
Athens	17	63	c	Milan	16	61	c
Barcelna	18	64	c	Moscow	-1	30	f
Belgrade	7	45	f	Munich	6	43	c
Berlin	5	41	s	Nairobi	23	73	f
Biarritz	29	84	s	Naples	22	72	s
Borde'x	22	72	s	N Delhi	31	88	s
Brussels	14	57	c	Nice	21	70	s
Budapst	7	45	s	Oslo	5	41	c
B Aires*	18	64	c	Paris	13	55	f
Ch'church	22	72	f	Peking	18	64	c
Cologne	12	54	f	Perth	17	63	c
C'phagn	5	41	f	Prague	6	43	s
Corfu	22	72	s	Reykjvk	2	36	s
Dublin	14	57	c	Rhodes	20	68	f
Dubrovnik	18	64	s	Rio de J	22	72	c
Faro	24	75	s	Rome	22	72	s
Florence	21	70	s	Salzburg	10	50	s
Frankfurt	13	55	f	S Paulo*	25	77	r
Funchal	19	66	r	Seoul	22	72	s
Geneva	14	57	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Gibraltar	21	70	s	St'kholm	4	39	s
Helsinki	4	39	c	Strasb'rg	9	48	c
Hong K	26	79	c	Sydney	24	75	s
Innsbrck	14	57	s	Tenerife	25	77	f
Karachi	31	88	s	Tokyo	20	68	s
L Palmas	24	75	s	Valencia	22	72	s
Le Toquet	15	59	f	Venice	15	59	f
Lisbon	21	70	c	Vienna	6	43	s
Locarno	12	54	c	Warsaw	4	39	s
Luxembg	13	55	s	Wel'ngton	13	55	c
Madrid	21	70	s	Zurich	10	50	c
Majorca	23	73	s				

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.44	7.3	2.56	7.5
Aberdeen	1.57	4.6	2.25	4.3
Avonmouth	8.13	13.8	8.34	13.8
Belfast	11.57	3.6	—	—
Cardiff	7.58	12.7	8.19	12.5
Devonport	6.55	5.8	7.18	5.6
Dover	11.56	7.0	—	—
Falmouth	6.25	5.6	6.48	5.4
Glasgow	1.42	5.1	1.49	4.9
Harwich	12.41	4.1	12.53	4.2
Holyhead	11.12	5.7	11.34	5.8
Hull	7.03	8.0	7.31	7.5
Ilfracombe	6.50	9.6	7.16	9.5
Leith	3.15	5.9	3.47	5.7
Liverpool	—	—	12.12	9.6
Lowestoft	10.17	2.7	10.48	2.5
Margate	12.48	4.9	12.52	5.1
Milford Haven	7.09	7.3	7.31	7.2
Newquay	5.59	7.3	6.21	7.2
Oban	6.28	4.1	6.57	4.1
Penzance	5.54	5.9	6.18	5.7
Portland	7.57	2.5	8.33	2.4
Portsmouth	12.09	4.9	12.31	4.9
Shoreham	—	—	12.08	6.4
Southampton	11.47	4.7	—	—
Swansea	7.13	10.0	7.37	9.8
Tees	4.27	5.8	4.51	5.6
W'ton-on-Nze	12.34	4.3	12.45	4.5

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	-	.01	12	54	fog
Bridlington	-	.01	12	54	fog
Lowestoft	0.1	.01	15	59	bright
Southend	-	.04	16	61	dull
Margate	1.7	.07	15	59	cloudy
Folkestone	0.1	.07	15	59	cloudy
Hastings	1.0	.01	16	61	cloudy
Eastbourne	0.8	.04	16	61	cloudy
Brighton	-	.09	15	59	cloudy
Littlehmptn	0.03	55	16	61	cloudy
Bognor R	0.6	.07	15	59	cloudy
Southsea	0.5	.05	16	61	cloudy
Sandown	-	.06	15	59	shower
Shanklin	-	.09	15	59	cloudy
Bournemth	-	.10	15	59	shower
Poole	-	-	16	61	cloudy
Weymouth	-	.02	15	59	cloudy
Teignmouth	-	.02	15	59	cloudy
Falmouth	-	.01	15	59	cloudy
Scilly Isles	0.5	.38	14	57	rain
Minehead	0.3	.01	17	63	cloudy
Morecambe	-	.02	16	61	rain
Douglas	-	.11	13	55	rain
Leeds	-	.12	14	57	drizzle
Nottingham	-	.06	15	59	cloudy
Anglesey	1.3	.10	16	61	rain
Aberdeen	-	.04	11	52	rain
Aviemore	0.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	.01	13	55	shower
Kinloss	0.5	-	13	55	cloudy
Lerwick	-	.02	10	50	drizzle
Stornoway	-	.09	12	54	rain
Tiree	-	.10	13	55	rain
Wick	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy

These are Tuesday's figures

THE POUND

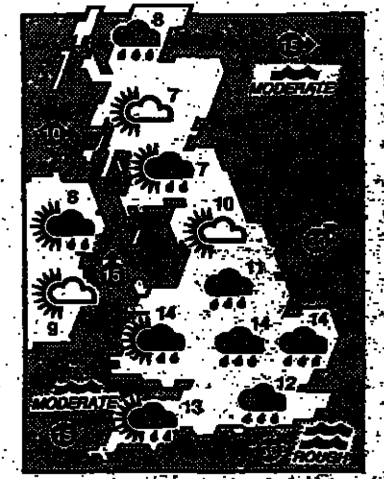
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.215	2.095
Austria Sch	22.85	21.45
Belgium Fr	68.65	65.15
Canada $	2.193	2.083
Denmark Kr	12.47	11.87
Finland Mkk	7.75	7.36
France Fr	11.07	10.47
Germany Dm	3.23	3.05
Greece Dr	273	253
Hong Kong $	14.29	13.45
Ireland Pt	1.215	1.195
Italy Lira	2425	2295
Japan Yen	236.50	220.50
Netherlands Gld	3.66	3.46
Norway Kr	12.09	11.49
Portugal Esc	269.50	255.50
South Africa Rd	4.65	4.15
Spain Pta	213.50	202.50
Sweden Kr	11.34	10.74
Switzerland Fr	2.75	2.59
USA $	1.84	1.75
Yugoslavia Dnr	6600	6100

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

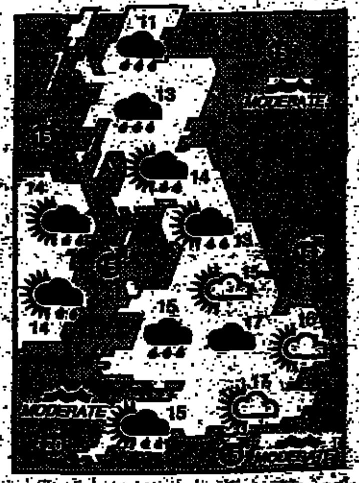
Retail Price Index: 108.4 (September)

London: The *FT* Index closed 2.5 higher at 1502.2.

AM



PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 19 (66); min 6 pm to 6 am, 14 (57). Humidity: 6 pm, 82 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.7 hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1004.6 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at 4pm today.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.13 pm to 6.17 am
Bristol 5.22 pm to 6.27 am
Edinburgh 5.18 pm to 6.32 am
Manchester 5.18 pm to 6.31 am
Penzance 5.37 pm to 6.38 am

Sun rises: 6.46 am Sun sets: 4.43 pm
Moon sets 10.11 am Moon rises 5.28 pm
Last Quarter November 1

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, [illegible]; min 6 pm to 6 am, 13 (55). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.15 ins. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: St Helier, Jersey 18 (64); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland 10 (50); highest rainfall: Brawdy, Dyfed, [illegible]; highest sunshine: St Helier, Jersey, 2.4 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	c	Guernsey	16	[illegible]	[illegible]
B'ngham	15	59	r	Inverness	13	55	[illegible]
Blackpool	14	57	r	Jersey	16	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol	16	61	f	London	17	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cardiff	15	59	c	M'chester	14	57	[illegible]
Edinburgh	14	57	c	Newcastle	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Glasgow	14	57	c	R'naldsway	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

NOON TODAY

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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1503.2 (+2.3)	US dollar 1.7595 (+0.0055)
FT-SE 100 1850.7 (+2.9)	W.German mark 3.1230 (-0.0140)
USM (Datastream) 161.97 (+0.23)	Trade-weighted 76.0 (-0.2)

THE TIMES

THURSDAY OCTOBER 27 1988

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Unit trust adviser suspended

Fimbra, the financial intermediaries watchdog, has suspended Acorn Financial Consultants, a life insurance and unit trust adviser, which was empowered to handle clients' money.

The suspension prevents the Surrey firm from conducting or soliciting any investment business and from disposing of any of its assets.

A Fimbra spokeswoman said yesterday that Rule 17 suspensions, as in this case, are used where Fimbra considers that clients' money may be at risk.

Acorn, which has two partners — Mr Joe Coker and Mr Leroy Drummond — became a member of Fimbra in December last year.

Geers ahead

Geers Gross, the advertising agency, returned to profits in the first six months of the year, earning £147,000 before tax against a £846,000 loss last time. Turnover was down from £40.3 million to £17.6 million. There is still no dividend.

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Bid deadline

Grand Metropolitan has extended the deadline on its bid for Irish Distillers Group until November 15, after claiming the support of 33.06 per cent of IDG shareholders in its bid battle with Pernod Ricard.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2157.32 (-6.04)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	27620.60 (+199.11)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2610.82 (+26.09)
Amsterdam: Gen	*285.8 (+3.4)*
Sydney: AO	1581.5 (-1.6)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1627.5 (+19.6)
Brussels:	
General	5347.9 (+10.6)
Paris: CAC	391.3 (+2.8)
Zurich: SKA Gen	497.9 (+1.9)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	963.02 (+0.73)
FT.— "500"	1052.20 (+0.61)
FT. Gold Mines	166.5 (same)
FT. Fixed interest	97.46 (-0.03)
FT. Govt Secs	*88.74 (-0.02)*
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Schroders	915p (+15p)
Br Commonwealth	246½p (+11p)
AB Elect	462½p (+16p)
Logica	393p (+10p)
JS Pathology	277½p (+8p)
A Kershaw	515p (+10p)
FR Group	225½p (+11p)
Cannon St	276½p (+10p)
Davies & Newman	635p (+10p)
Unilever	487½p (+8½p)
Lonrho	378½p (+24½p)
FALLS:	
ICH	101½p (-23p)
Tunstall	295p (-15p)
Sharpe & Fisher	290p (-13p)
Unidare	400p (-15p)
Yale & Valor	342½p (-15p)
Securicor 'A'	*400p (-15p)*
Hickson	219½p (-8p)
Ward White	280p (-8p)
Racal	298p (-7p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	23694

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month Interbank $12\frac{3}{16}$-$12\frac{1}{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: $11\frac{3}{4}$-$11\frac{11}{16}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds $8\frac{3}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.41-7.39%*
30-year bonds $102\frac{7}{32}$-$102\frac{9}{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7595	£: $1.7600*
£: DM3.1230	$: DM1.7742*
£: SwFr2.6463	$: SwFr1.5087*
£: FFr10.6626	$: FFr6.0600*
£: Yen221.26	$: Yen125.77*
£: Index:76.0	$: Index:94.9
ECU £0.661268	SDR £0.760669

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $407.50 pm-$407.40
close $406.75-407.25 (£231.75-232.25)
New York:
Comex $407.20-407.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) pm $12.30bbl ($12.23)
* Denotes latest trading price.

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STOCK WATCH
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- Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: ConsGold (02200) up 17p on rumours that Minorco (07014) had sold its stake. Racal Telecommunications (03479) traded for the first time with a 7p premium. Also rising were Lonrho (01182) and Johnson Matthey (01317) up 11p. The Royal Bank of Scotland (02207) dropped 5p.
- Recent additions include: SWP Group (03477).
- Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

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★★★★★★

S&N chairman embarrassed by Elders link

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

Sir David Nickson, chairman of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, was last night expected to resign his directorship of the Clydesdale Bank, the Scottish arm of the National Australia Bank.

Sir David said he was "considering his position" after being told that NAB was one of the 11 international banks helping to finance Elders IXL's £1.6 billion bid for the Scots brewer.

He is expected to resign his non-executive directorship once he has spoken to Sir Eric Yarrow, chairman of Clydesdale Bank, who, ironically, is in Australia.

Sir David admitted to *The Times* last night that he did not know that National Australia Bank was financing the Elders bid to the tune of £100 million. "You are telling me something I didn't know," he said. "I will consider my position overnight."

This potential conflict of interest is bound to be seen as an even greater embarrassment to S&N than the revelation last weekend that Mr Angus Grossart, S&N's Scottish financial adviser, and Mr Peter Balfour, its former chairman, have seats on the board of the Royal Bank of Scotland, another of Elders' backers. It also further highlights the often incestuous nature of Scottish finance.

Of the three major banks in Scotland, only the Bank of Scotland appears to have no involvement in the bid, which is sharply dividing national passions and loyalties north of the border. Mr Alick Rankin, chief executive of S&N, is a non-executive director of Bank of Scotland.

Elders, the Foster's lager group, is offering S&N shareholders 400p a share in a move designed to create a worldwide brewing combine worth some £3 billion.

A wounded Royal Bank last night defended its own role in the affair, in a statement which declared that its key principle in customer relationships was equal treatment for all. It "vigorously" rejected recent criticism of its own position as a supporter of the Elders bid as being "based on a fundamental misunderstanding of the bank's relationship with all its customers."

The statement was prepared at a board meeting attended by Mr Grossart, although he "absented himself" as the Elders connection was discussed, having declared a conflict of interest at the outset. As a non-executive director of the bank he had apparently been unaware of the commercial decision to support the Elders bid until the offer document had been published.

The statement was issued amid more reports of S&N employees in Scotland withdrawing funds from their Royal Bank accounts in protest. There have also been reports that Dundee District Council has threatened to withdraw its account, while the bank's actions are said to have been heavily censured by Lothian Regional Council.

Elsewhere, the Scottish Council for Development and Industry has added its voice to the opposition to the Elders bid, claiming that the merger of S&N and Courage Holdings — proposed in the offer document issued by Elders — would be "against the public interest".

The council's chief executive, Mr Hamish Morrison, has written to Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of the Office of Fair Trading calling for the bid to be referred to the Monopolies Commission. But Mr Morrison said the real defence of S&N lay with the company and its shareholders.

The council's opposition to Elders' bid arises from concern that it would result in S&N concentrating on volume brewing and distribution — greatly changing the business away from its broad base.

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Figuring it out: Gerald Whent, RTG's chief executive yesterday

Flotation success for RTG

By Michael Clark, Stock Market Correspondent

Heavy American buying guaranteed a succesful start to trading in the Racal Telecom Group after its partial floatation by its parent company, Racal Electronics, in New York and London.

The 1 billion shares in the cellular telephone company were offered to the public at 170p, and started at 177p before ending the day at 176½p — a net premium of 6½p.

However, brokers in London appeared disappointed by the response of the investing public and said the opening premium had fallen well short of earlier expectations — which had been pitched as high as 15p. Originally the issue had been oversubscribed and investors had to be scaled down.

Goldman Sachs, the New York-based broker which handled the US side of the flotation for Racal, is believed to have sold shares for 179p to American investors.

Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman of Racal, who watched the start of trading representatives from Hoare Govett's, the company's London broker, seemed happy with the outcome. "Racal Telecom valued at £1.77 billion — I have got to be pleased," he said.

Stock markets page 28

Dollar hit by lower growth in US

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

The dollar fell sharply on foreign exchange markets on news of lower growth in the US economy in the third quarter. In London it closed 1.33 pfennigs down against the mark, at DM1.7752.

Sterling also remained weak, following the dollar most of the way down to close 1.4 pfennigs lower at DM3.1230. However, against the dollar it was up 55 points, at $1.7595.

Mr Ian Harwood, of Warburg Securities, said: "Domestic demand has stayed high in the US, so the initial calculation that interest rates were likely to fall was wrong. But there is no good news in these figures for the US trade deficit."

The US gross national product rose in real terms at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $22.1 billion (£12.56 billion), or 2.2 per cent, in the third quarter, the US Commerce Department said.

The GNP gain was the smallest since a 1.4 per cent rise in the fourth quarter of 1986.

The implicit price deflator, an inflation gauge, rose at an annual rate of 4.4 per cent in the third quarter, after rising at a 5.5 per cent rate in the second quarter and by 3.3 per cent in 1987.

Real personal consumption expenditures rose at a 3.5 per cent, or $22.3 billion rate in the third quarter, after growing at a 3 per cent, or $19.2 billion, pace in the second period.

Real net exports of goods and services fell at a $2.3 billion rate in the third quarter, to a deficit of $94.9 billion. In the second quarter they rose at a $16.4 billion pace to a $92.6 billion annual deficit.

Real non-residential fixed investment rose at a 4.6 per cent, or $5.5 billion, rate in the third quarter, versus a 15 per cent, or $16.4 billion, second-quarter gain.

The rise included a 5.8 per cent increase in business investment on durable equipment, following a 19.2 per cent second-quarter rise, and a 1.6 per cent rise in spending on structures, following a 3.3 per cent second quarter gain.

Real business inventories rose at a $33.8 billion rate in the third quarter after a $35.3 billion second-quarter increase.

Real residential fixed investment rose at a 1.3 per cent, or $600 million, rate in the third quarter, after growing at a 0.2 per cent, or $100 million rate in the second quarter.

MB ties up packaging interests with Carnaud

By Colin Campbell

MB Group, formerly known as Metal Box, is to merge its packaging interests, valued at £780 million, with those of Carnaud of France to form an Anglo-French company which will occupy third place in packaging groups in the world.

The new company, CMB Packaging, will generate an annual turnover of at least £2 billion in an European packaging market which in 1987 had a total turnover of £35 billion, and have a pro forma operating profit of approximately £180 million.

Individual MB shareholders are being given a direct 16.53 per cent stake in CMB Packaging, which will have its headquarters in Brussels, 170 factories in 26 countries, and will employ 35,000 people.

The deal means a cash injection of £240 million for MB to be used for further deployment within MB's core businesses which, in addition to a direct 25.5 per cent stake in CMB Packaging, include heating and bathroom products and security printing interests.

MB shares were suspended at 273½p yestereday ahead of the announcement.

MB has now called off its planned £18 million acquisition of Ferembal, France's second largest food can maker, which was announced on October 14.

The merger to form CMB Packaging will be via a scheme of arrangement and will be effective by the end of March 1989. Shareholders approval will be sought in January.

Wrapped up: Alex Watson (left) of MB, Jean Marie Descarpentries, chairman of CGIP, and Dr Smith

Ownership of CMB Packaging will primarily be held with an equal 25.5 per cent stake by MB Group and Compagnie Générale d'Industrie et de Participations (CGIP), Carnaud's effective controlling shareholder.

Both parties have a 10-years shareholders' agreement between them which contains, *inter alia*, pre-emptive rights and a unique requirement that on a change of control of MB or CGIP the other party has the right to acquire the stake in CMB Packaging at an average market price plus a 20 per cent premium.

Other shareholders in CMB Packaging will be MB shareholders individually with 16.5 per cent stake, and other existing Carnaud shareholders with a 32.4 per cent interest. CMB Packaging will seek a London listing.

Dr Brian Smith, the MB chairman, said the merger agreement was the fulfilment of a Pan-European vision held by both companies, and that both sides only started definitive talks on the merger concept five weeks ago.

"CMB Packaging will be a world class European-based packaging company, able to talk to its major customers with a powerful voice. The merger will unlock potential synergies of both groups. I see exciting prospects for growth which will benefit our shareholders," he added.

Dr Smith denied the Anglo-French packaging merger was a defensive move by MB to thwart Mr John Elliott, the Australian entrepreneur, whose Elders IXL conglomerate was recently unmasked as a holder of 5.1 per cent of MB's shares.

MB's French deal overshadowed yesterday's interim results showing a pre-tax profit of £55.5 million for the six months to end-September compared with £43.2 million, and an interim dividend of 3p raised from 1.9p a share.

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SIB urges Brussels to adopt its scheme

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

The Securities and Investments Board is pressing the European Commission to adopt the SIB's own investor compensation scheme for the whole of the EEC as part of the draft directive on investment regulation due to be published in December.

The directive will lay down the regulatory responsibilities of home and host countries, and will include rules on compensation and the treatment of clients' money, as well as the conduct of business in different markets.

The SIB is insisting that there must be a minimum level of compensation established in all EEC countries. Ideally it would like the EEC to adopt the City's newly launched scheme which pays investors in a failed investment company up to £40,000 in compensation.

Some EEC countries, however, would prefer a lower level of compensation. If the European Commission adopts a less substantial scheme, the SIB will insist that firms in London should still be bound by the existing City scheme.

The SIB hopes that by having a high level of compensation, foreign investment firms will be attracted to set up in London because of the reassurance it will give to their clients.

The SIB is also pressing for the draft directive to include different minimum capital requirements for different kinds of investment business.

Unit trusts reach a post-crash high

By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor

The unit trust industry yesterday produced the best set of monthly figures since the stock market crash on Black Monday last autumn.

Mr Bill Stuttaford, chairman of the Unit Trust Association, said: "It is a sign that the tide has turned. It is the most encouraging set of figures since last October."

He added that the level of net new investment in unit trusts in September was £385.1 million compared with £94.5 million the previous month.

Sales of unit trusts were £759.1 million, a rise of 60 per cent on August — a figure boosted by insurance companies buying unit trusts for life funds or to back unit-linked policies. Redemptions remained stable at about £375 million.

The unit trust industry, concerned about competition from EEC groups after October 1989, is lobbying Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, to make changes in the Budget which would allow it to compete on even terms with other European groups.

This would entail scrapping corporation tax on the funds, and passing unfranked investment income to unit-holders net of basic rate tax.

In September last year — the month before Black Monday — more than £1.2 billion flooded into unit trusts. But in October 1987 that was down to just £246.7 million.

High-earning founders reduce their shareholding

LHW seeks a future with Thornton

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Clive Thornton, the former head of the Abbey National Building Society, has acquired control of LHW Futures, the futures broker which attracted a storm of criticism for its high-pressure selling to private clients. He was also invited to become chairman of the firm yesterday.

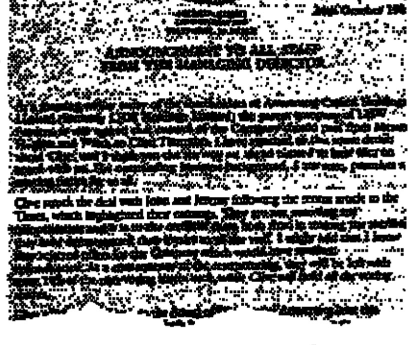
Mr Thornton takes over from Mr John Hughes and Mr Jeremy Walsh, the youthful founders who earned £19 million for themselves in dividends from LHW over a two-year period.

"Clive struck the deal with John and Jeremy following the recent article in *The Times*, which highlighted their earnings", LHW said yesterday in a confidential statement to its staff.

Mr Thornton's assumption of control at LHW is clearly aimed at persuading the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers to accept the firm's application for membership. LHW is seeking association membership, which it requires if it is to survive as an independent firm.

Until now, the AFBD — which rejected an application from the firm in 1986 — was known to be unhappy that the two still controlled the firm through their combined 83 per cent shareholding.

"Clive has already been in touch with the AFBD, and will this evening be informing them of these major changes" the LHW staff announcement said.



Extract from the confidential letter

The actual changes involve Mr Hughes and Mr Walsh each reducing their stake to 14 per cent of the company, in the form of non-voting shares. Mr Thornton will be the sole owner of voting shares.

LHW's tactics of charging enormous commissions to private investors, combined with high-pressure selling over the phone, earned the company spectacular profits. These contributed most of the £37.8 million which the parent company, LHW Holdings, earned in 1986 and 1987. Mr Hughes and Mr Walsh paid themselves £19 million in dividends for these two years.

Informed sources said that Mr Hughes has donated a large amount of his shares to a religious charity. Charity will not benefit from them to the same extent in the future as Mr Hughes has done in the past, since the firm has slashed its commission and sought to improve the quality of its sales advice.

As for Mr Thornton, he is no stranger to difficult situations. He left the Abbey National to join Mirror Group Newspapers as chairman.

His reign was shortlived. He resigned the day Mr Robert Maxwell took over the group. He was also chairman of the magazine *Financial Weekly* for two years until it was sold.

He had an unhappy association with *News on Sunday*, pulling out before the new Sunday newspaper collapsed.

A spokesman for Mr Thornton said control of LHW was being acquired because Mr Thornton "sees a role for a private client futures broker and wants to develop it. He is concerned about people, and LHW does have 70 employees."

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Regentcrest in £12m property group buy

Regentcrest, the property development and investment company, has acquired Wellington, a Home Counties-based property developer, for £12 million. Wellington, which has net assets of *£8.7 million and rental income of more than £1* million, concentrates on areas near the motorways.

Regentcrest has agreed to pay £2.2 million in cash, to be funded from its own resources, and the rest through the issue of 8.67 million *new shares, of which 1.8 million will be issued* at £1.25, and the remainder at £1.10. This represents 17.84 per cent of the group's enlarged share capital.

New England back in black

New England Properties, the USM-quoted property developer, has returned to profit. For the six months to June 30, the company *had pre-tax* profits of £544,000, against a £144,000 loss in the same period last year. Turnover was *up to £1.58* million from £166,000. The company's investment portfolio is up to £23.1 million (£1.3 million).

Unit Group for USM

***Unit Group, the Warrington*-based manufacturer of wooden pallets, cable reels and drums whose shares are traded on the *Third Market*, is planning to come to the Unlisted Securities Market. The company has announced a £1.55 million placing with Close Investment Management and Commercial Union.**

Elliott up to £1.7m

B Elliott, the small London machine tool, mechanical and engineering group, says it has a long way to go before the full benefits of its restructuring programme show through. The group increased pre-tax profits to £1.7 million, up from £1.06 million, for the six months to end-September. Turnover was £39.89 million (£33.12 million).

The group last month announced a £8.7 million rights issue, partly to finance the £2 million purchase of Vanner, an electrical engineering company. Earnings per share were 4.55p (2.56p). The interim dividend was raised to 1.1p (1p).

Gt Southern acquisitions

Great Southern Group, the funerals business, has bought *two companies in the* Leeds area. W Kaye & Son, along with a related vehicle hire company, has been acquired *for £600,000* cash and £380,000 in new shares, and Lewis Scorah & Son of Lofthouse, near Wakefield, has been bought for £230,000.

Fujitsu soars to Y53.71bn

Fujitsu, the Japanese electronics company, raised pretax *profits* in the six months to September 30 from Y28.80 billion (£129.7 million) to Y53.71 billion. Net *income after tax was* Y24.21 billion (Y9.33 billion) and the company is forecasting a net Y50 billion for the financial year. The Y4 interim dividend is unchanged.

Chillington purchase

Chillington Corporation, the overseas trading and plantations group, has acquired Jacobs, Young & Westbury, a privately owned importer and wholsesaler of rattan, bamboo and cane, *for £2.44 million. JYW made pre-tax profits of £414,000* on turnover of £4.95 million for the year to end-September 1987, with net assets of £2.76 million.

Chillington will issue variable rate unsecured loan notes to raise £1.*18* million, *and place 1 million ordinary shares* to raise £1.22 million. An additional £400,000 may be payable, depending on net assets at the end of September.

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ADT	1,448	CU	938	Laporte	682	Saatchi	375
Abbey	n/a	Cons Gold	3,033	L&G	238	Sainsbury	1,132
Alld-Lyons	1,777	Cookson	314	Lloyds	3,857	Scot & N	2,434
Amstrad	1,063	Courtaulds	402	Lonrho	24,896	Sears	5,193
ASDA	2,422	Dalgety	1,493	Lucas	988	Sedgwick	919
AB Foods	125	Dixons	457	Magnet	928	Shell	392
Argyll	2,182	EEC	149	M&S	525	Siebe	63
BAA	695	Enterprise	98	Maxwell Cm	1030	Slough	273
BET	1,154	Ferranti	4,452	MB Group	n/a	Smith & N	272
BTR	767	Fisons	991	MEPC	601,631	Smith WH	490
BAT	3,469	FKI Babck	2,244	Midland	553	Smiths Ind	14
Barclays	1,747	Gateway Cp	495	NatWest	1,944	STC	754
Bass	45	Gen Acc	127	Next	413	Stan Chart	251
Beecham	1,492	GEC	9,895	Nth Food	243	Storehse	485
Beazer	2,181	Glaxo	796	P&O	214	Sun Allnce	656
Berisfd SW	*113*	*Globe Inv*	*271*	*Pearl*	*249*	*T & N*	*79*
BICC	242	Glynwed	1,074	Pearson	282	Tarmac	1,101
Blue Arrow	5,489	Granada	326	Pilkington	2,581	Tate & Lyle	18
Blue Circle	262	Grand Met	1,381	Plessey	5,393	Taylor Wood	243
BOC	1,009	GUS 'A'	253	Polly Peck	n/a	TSB	786
Boots	2,745	GRE	483	Prudential	2,434	Tesco	1,299
BPB	1,576	GKN	877	Racal	14,280	Thorn EMI	60
Br Aero	520	Guinness	333	Rk Hovis	67,330	Trafalgar	1,328
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Br Gas	6,650	H & C	70	Redland	924	Unigate	2,613
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Bunzl	162	ICI	1,121	RTZ	437	Wellcome	799
Burmah	213	Inchcape	686	R-Royce	1,889	Whitbrd	523
Burton	2,164	Jaguar	596	Rothmn 'B'	2,468	Williams	1,421
C&W	392	Lasmo	590	Rowntree	n/a	Willis Feb	7,989
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Wolseley success stops at the City

The combination of being a principal supplier to the building industry and earning 27 per cent of trading profit from the United States has not helped the City's attitude to Wolseley, the world's largest heating and plumbing merchant.

Despite record profits and strong underlying growth, fears of a slump in building activity and a recession in the US have dogged the share price, which has been on a *downward trend relative* to the market for more than 18 months.

The negative sentiment towards these *macroeconomic* factors is so strong that there seems to be little immediate chance of a significant rerating for Wolseley.

This must be frustrating for a company that continues to run its business in a way which has secured compound earnings growth of more than 25 per cent.

Much of this has been achieved through steady organic growth, which in Wolseley's case mainly involves opening new branches.

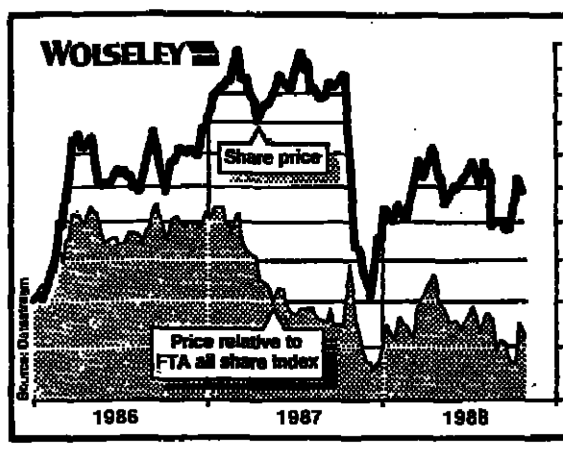
The drive to establish a presence in the US has been mostly by acquisition. But now, with a worthwhile business much larger than any of its US competitors, Wolseley is expanding by using the strategy which has proven so successful in this country.

Building up a greater exposure to the industrial and commercial market, while expanding geographically, should protect Wolseley from the worst effects of a downturn in the US. As yet, however, apart from some regional difficulties, the company appears confident about its continued sound prospects in the US.

There is also plenty in the pipeline for Wolseley in Britain – in heavy-end builders' merchanting, plant and tool hire and heating and plumbing merchanting.

The balance sheet is strong with gearing set to remain at *about 25 per cent* barring acquisitions. The cash-hungry US is fed from the cash-generating manufacturing activities.

The group should make £115 million this year, giving earnings per share of 34.6p. The rating is slightly below the sector average, but the shares are unlikely to receive the rating they deserve in present stock-market conditions, leaving aside the possibility of bid speculation.



ICH

The stock market took swift revenge on International City Holdings for playing about with its dividend when the widespread expectation, apparently fostered by ICH itself, had been that the payout would at least be maintained.

What did Throgmorton Trust, for instance, expect when it pumped in a fresh £30 million in new capital earlier this year?

The result of cutting its dividend from 9p to 7.5 for the year to July 31 was that ICH shares lost 18 per cent of their value. Just as important, ICH has forfeited the long-term confidence of the market. No doubt it was prudent to reduce the dividend payout, but it is debatable whether the consequent loss of stock market goodwill was worth the £1 million it would have cost to maintain the dividend. ICH may live to regret not being a little more generous with its cash.

The reasons for the poor performance were partly temporary. The securities broking side suffered heavily from the shortcomings of MKI which are *now* being cleared *up*. ICH has taken early control, the old management has been sacked and some $5 million costs have been cut. But investors were left wondering why ICH had negotiated a deal in the first place which left it without full control of the company.

The company was also unlucky with its move into *Australia, which was scuppered* by the crash, saddling ICH with costs of £1.5 million and little to show for it.

But, however severe the cost-cutting on the securities operations, things will not improve substantially until equity markets show more life. So far, they are steadfastly refusing to do so. At the same time, ICH is not as far as most of its rivals along the road of building up its foreign exchange broking operations – where the money now *is – to* complement deposit broking.

It still has most of the extra Throgmorton Trust capital to spend on development, which will no doubt mean acquisitions. But it will be some *time* before the benefits find their way through to the bottom line. Such structural difficulties mean that ICH's *shares may well have further* to fall – even though at £1 each they are currently yielding about 10 per cent.

Geers Gross

The past five of the 20 years that Geers Gross has been quoted on the Stock Exchange have been increasingly difficult. Its unfortunate move into the US finally dumped the advertising agent deep into the red and only now is the group getting its head above water again.

The first half of 1988 turned *up a pre-tax profit of £147,000* – not much more than the advertising agency was earning, albeit in a full year, when *it came to the market in 1969.*

But it does represent a good recovery on a year ago, when Bob Gross, the co-founder and executive creative director, unveiled a loss of £846,000. He eventually went on to report a full-year loss of £3.9 million and holders, who went without a final dividend in 1986, got nothing at all last year. *There is still no interim* payment, but Mr Gross is confident he will pay something at the year-end.

The difference is that the American business has gone, sold last November for £8.5 *million*, a fact reflected in the drop in turnover from £40.3 million to £17.6 million. The day-to-day business has been *restructured* and new business is now starting to come in.

The most significant appears to be the capture of the Nintendo account. America's most popular Christmas gift last year was Nintendo's *toy/computer* and Geers Gross aims to help repeat the experience, both here and in continental Europe, this time.

Meanwhile, the sales promotion offshoot, International Marketing, is up to scratch.

The shares have been lower than the 59p quoted last night – as low as 33p, in fact. Indeed, on Tuesday morning they were still only 51p and gained 13 per cent during the day, a move that ought to raise an eyebrow or two in Throgmorton Street.

Further recovery may depend on more evidence that the improvement is soundly based – or a sign that Geers Gross has come up with a winner to match the *Spillers* graded grainer that first set the group on its way.

Cathay bid on hotels rejected

From Stephen Leather
Hong Kong

Cathay City, the property group, yesterday unsuccessfully tried to tempt the rich and powerful Kadoorie family into accepting an improved offer for its 37 per cent stake in Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels.

Mr Lo Yuk-sui, the Cathay City chairman, offered to buy the family's whole stake at HK$6.80 a share, cash. But the family rejected it.

Last week Cathay City launched a HK$6.40 billion (£465 million) hostile takeover bid for the hotel group, worth HK$6.40 a share, after the Kadoories rejected a friendly approach.

The original deal of one Cathay City share (currently HK$1.60) and HK$4.80 in cash, was described by Mr Michael Kadoorie, the chairman, as "ridiculous."

The family went on the offensive and bought more *than 21 million Hong Kong* and Shanghai shares, taking its stake to 37.2 per cent, past the 35 per cent trigger point at *which it is forced by the* Crown Colony's takeover code to make a general offer.

Had the family accepted the *new offer, which valued its* stake at HK$2.5 billion and the whole group at HK$6.8 billion, Cathay City planned *to go ahead and make the* same offer to the rest of the group's shareholders.

S&W Berisford agrees $12.3m coffee buyout

By Colin Narbrough

S&W Berisford, the commodities to property and financial services group, has agreed to a $12.3 million (£7 million) partial buyout by senior management of the group's world-wide coffee interests.

The move, announced yesterday, forms part of a restructuring of its coffee activities within the group, as wider streamlining plans proceed for focusing on core businesses.

Under the conditional agreement, all S&W Berisford's coffee businesses will be *transferred* to Rayner Coffee International, which will be 35 per cent owned by Oswega Financial, a company wholly owned by senior management. S&W Berisford will own the remaining 65 per cent through a partnership.

About $1.8 million of the buyout team's payment will be in cash, with S&W Berisford providing a loan to cover the rest. The group's coffee businesses produced a pre-tax profit of £8.9 million for the eight months to May 31 on a turnover of £268 million.

S&W Berisford plans to repay its 5 per cent and 7½ per cent cumulative preference shares *series* to *reduce* its share capital.

Mr Ephraim Margulies, the S&W Berisford chairman, said: "We believe that through the proposed restructuring a multi-national organization, with a focused management group, will be created which will consolidate the coffee operations."

To finance the continuing activities and further expansion of the coffee businesses, the group plans either to provide funds itself, or procure loans of up to $230 million.

But it is intended that the new owners will be able to *obtain their own* financing as soon as possible, reducing group commitment.

Henry Barrett soars 129% in first year as public firm

Bearing up well: Henry Barrett directors James and Richard Barrett, Stuart Greenwood and Rob Hassell celebrate the group's 129 per cent jump in profits at the BNL bearings factory

By Wolfgang Münchau

Henry Barrett Group, the Bradford steel building and services group, which came to the market in May last year, reported a strong increase in pre-tax profits in its first year of operation as a publicly quoted company. In the year to end-August, pre-tax profits rose to £4.42 million, an increase of 129 per cent from £1.93 million, on turnover up 40 per cent to £65.72 million.

Barrett claims that its shares are among the best performing *since the stock market crash* last October, having risen 41 per cent to 193p. During the year the group made five acquisitions, the largest being BNL Holdings, a north Yorkshire-based producer of thermoplastic bearings, bought in June for £7.1 million.

Mr Guy Barrett, chairman, said the group is currently *trading ahead of budget.* He also announced the formation of a materials handling division, the group's fourth *division, as a result of last* year's £3.8 million acquisition of Park Pallet Group, the Lancashire company.

"One factory is being moved from a seven-acre site in a residential area to a building much more suited to its needs. This move has cause some disruption, with a knock-on effect on performance," Mr Barrett said.

Earnings per share were up 65 per cent to 13.96p. The final dividend is 2.30p per share, making an annual total of 3.40p.

Japan financial services come under scrutiny

By Our City Staff

The British Invisible Exports Council has set up a committee to study Japanese financial services in Japan and Britain.

Headed by Mr Martin Gordon, a director of Warburg Securities, it will include representatives from the Bank of England and the Department of Trade and Industry. It will promote opportunities *available to* British companies in Japan and study Japanese impact in Europe.

As 1992 approaches, the committee *will* also consider the issue of allowing foreign banks into Europe when European banks are refused access *to foreign markets.*

Industry unease as prices soar 50% in a year

Danger of 'uncompetitive' aluminium

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Soaring prices of aluminium, which have made scrap values so attractive that there has even been a rash of road-sign stealing, could make the metal uncompetitive against other materials, it is being warned.

The scrap value of aluminium now exceeds £1,000 a tonne, as ingot prices from aluminium producers have risen by a half in less than a year. About 150,000 tonnes of scrap aluminium are now used *annually for recycling into new products.*

The warning on price came last night at the annual dinner of the Aluminium Federation, the trade body whose members include the four main aluminium producers in the United Kingdom – Alcoa, Alusuisse, British Alcan and RTZ.

Reporting continued growth in primary aluminium output last year – and further likely increases during the current year – Mr John Sangster, the federation's president, said that the industry was aware of the dangers of becoming uncompetitive. He claimed, however, that in real terms aluminium was no more expensive than it had been in 1974.

But the dangers of becoming uncompetitive were underlined by Dr Theodor Tschopp, chairman of the European Aluminium Association, who said the "extreme fluctuations" in aluminium ingot prices were a "serious problem".

He added: "Do we as an industry fully realize the great danger of erratic price movements? Some 10 months ago the price for aluminium ingot was half what it is today. But our customers in many *industries, such as the automotive* business, are working with product planning cycles of up to 10 years. There is no doubt that the nervously oscillating aluminium prices invite such customers to switch over to alternative materials with more stable price patterns."

Aluminium had to become more competitive by improving its performance as a material, he went on. This meant rolling thinner foil, reducing gauges – as with beverage cans – and developing more sophisticated products like coated aluminium and large extrusions for the vehicle industry.

Mr Sangster reported the sixth consecutive year of growth for aluminium primary producers in the UK. He said output was up by nearly 7 per cent in 1987. He forecast "even more impressive" growth this year. Estimates suggested that the first half of this year had seen healthy increases over the same period of 1987.

Primary production of aluminium was 294,000 tonnes last year, and with UK *smelters working to capacity imports* had added another 172,000 tonnes. Secondary production, using recycled aluminium, was 117,000 tonnes last year, a marginal increase on the year before.

Total UK-produced aluminium products sold in 1987 amounted to 628,000 tonnes, worth nearly £1.2 billion.

COMPANY BRIEFS

WOOLTONS BETT. (Int) *Pre-tax:* £0.10 (£0.46)m *EPS:* 4.81 (3.61)p *Div:* 1.8 (1.4)p	Turnover £11.19 (£11.00)m. The board looks forward to an encouraging end to the year.
ENGLISH NAT.INV. (Int) *Pre-tax:* N/A *EPS:* 6.55 (6.10)p(pref) *Div:* 4.15 (3.90)p(pref)	EPS: Deferred 4.10 (3.65)p. Div: Deferred 1.70 (1.45)p. Final dividends expected to be at least maintained.
ENSIGN TRUST (Fin) *Pre-tax:* £5.73 (£4.80)m *EPS:* 1.27 (1.04)p *Div:* 0.9 mkg 1.2 (1)p	The company's aim is an annual return of 25% on its £180 million portfolio of unlisted securities.
OVERSEAS INV.TST (Fin) *Pre-tax:* £1.07 (£1.05)m *EPS:* 1.87 (1.87)p *Div:* 1.86 (1.77)p	NAV per share was 242.6p at 30/9/88 compared with 274.4p (adjusted for scrip issue) at 30/9/87 – an 11.6% drop.
CHELSEA ARTISANS (Int) *Pre-tax:* £0.02 (£0.09) *EPS:* 4.0p *Div:* Nil	Turnover £1.02 (£0.89)m. Board intends declaring a final dividend. Company poised for growth.
SHILOH (Int) *Pre-tax:* £0.51 (£0.70)m *EPS:* 5.84 (8.01)p *Div:* 0.875 (0.875)p	Turnover £7.52 (£7.72)m. Company expects continued growth in medical and industrial disposables.
USHER WALKER (Int) *Pre-tax:* £0.60 (£0.51)m *EPS:* 16.63 (14.10)p *Div:* Nil	Turnover £6.78 (£5.96)m. Automated newspaper ink plant at Heywood, Greater Manchester will shortly be operational.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon	420	62	78	92	½	7	13
(*481)	460	22	46	63	½	18	25
	500	1	24	42	20	38	47
Bass	700	100	107	115	1	4	10
(*797)	750	50	62	80	1½	18	23
	800	½	33	52	8	40	45
Brit Air	140	28	31	34	½	2	3½
(*167)	160	7½	16	20	½	7	10
	180	¼	5	11	14	19	21
Brit Com	220	23	28	35	½	7	10
(*242)	240	3	15	22	2½	14	18
	260	1	9	13	20	27	28
Brit Gas	160	5	13	14½	¼	4½	6½
(*185)	180	¼	3	5½	16½	16½	18
	200	¼	1¼	2	36½	36½	36½
BP	220	25	32	35	½	3	6½
(*244)	240	4½	16½	18½	½	7	13½
	260	½	6½	9	16½	17	24½
Cons Gold	1100	60	150	175	2	50	80
(*1151)	1200	4	88	125	48	100	130
	1300	2	57	85	150	180	190
Courtauld	300	2	19	25	1½	17	20
(*302)	330	½	11	16	30	38	38
	360	½	3	8	60	63	65
Com Union	330	10	31	38	1	10	22
(*338)	360	½	16	20	24	27	38
	390	½	7	11	54	51	60
C & W	330	67	80	88	½	4	7
(*395)	360	37	53	63	½	8	14
	390	7	32	45	1	17	25
GEC	140	34	37	38	½	1½	2½
(*174)	160	14	19	22	½	4	7
	180	½	6½	11	8	11½	16
GKN	300	28	40	48	½	5	11
(*328)	330	1½	19	28	3	13	22
	360	½	8	15	35	33	42
Grand Met	414	38	–	–	1	–	–
(*451)	454	1	27	33	3	19	30
	493	½	10	17	44	47	52
	542	½	3	7½	93	93	96
ICI	900	166	169	–	½	4	–
(*1063)	950	116	145	155	½	8	21
	1000	65	102	117	½	16	37
	1100	1	41	54	40	57	85
Jaguar	240	21	34	45	½	7	14
(*261)	260	1	23	32	1	15	24
	280	½	13½	22	21	26	37
	300	½	7	15	41	43	62
Land Sec	500	78	88	100	1	4	8
(*576)	550	28	48	60	1	11	16
	600	1	17	30	25	35	38
M & S	140	30	37	39	½	2½	3½
(*170)	160	10	17½	24	½	5	7
	180	½	6	11	11	14	19
R-Royce	120	17	23	27	½	2½	4
(*137)	130	7	14½	20	½	4½	7½
	140	½	8	12	3½	9	12
STC	260	33	42	47	½	6	8
(*292)	280	13	26	33	½	10	17
	300	½	14	20	9	21	27
Sainsbury	180	26	32	38	1	2½	4
(*205)	200	6	16	23	1	6	10
	220	½	8	12	15	17	22
Shell	950	33	70	93	1	18	43
(*982)	1000	1	39	63	20	43	66
	1100	1	10	20	120	120	137
Storehse	180	5	19	24	½	9	13
(*184)	200	1	9	14	17	21	22
	220	1	5½	10	37	37	37
Trafalgar	280	40	44	46	1	4	7
(*319)	300	20	28	32	1	10	16
	330	7	10	18	13	30	32
TSB	90	19	21	22	½	1	2
(*108)	100	9	14	15	½	2½	4
	110	½	6½	8	4	5	6½
Utd Bisc	260	48	53	64	1	4	8
(*308)	280	28	39	50	1	11	14
	300	8	28	38	1	20	23
Ultramar	235	4	25	35	2	17	23
(*237)	255	1	16	27	19	27	34
	275	½	11	20	40	43	48
Woolworth	260	1	15	25	6	16	17
(*257)	280	½	9	13	25	28	28
	300	½	4	8	45	45	45
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad	200	17	28	35	8	11	15
(*208)	220	8	17	25	18	22	24
	240	4	8½	–	33	35	–
Barclays	360	68	–	–	1½	–	–
(*416)	385	38	–	–	5	–	–
	420	9	–	–	20	–	–
Beecham	420	58	71	82	3	6½	12
(*473)	460	25	43	54	13	18	27
	500	9	23	34	36	40	49
Boots	200	29	38	44	4	5	10
(*224)	220	14	24	30	10	12	18
	240	5½	13	20	22	23	26
BTR	260	37	48	–	1½	3½	–
(*293)	280	23	32	33	5	9	11
	300	10	21	22	13	18	21
Blue Circ	390	78	90	–	2	6	–
(*457)	420	50	65	70	4	11	16
	460	22	40	44	17	24	34
	500	7	22	28	44	48	58
Dixons	140	14	21	28	5	9	12
(*145)	160	4½	11	17	18	20	21
	180	2½	5	–	38	38	–

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Glaxo	900	235	248	–	3	6	–
(*1128)	950	185	205	–	4	11	–
	1000	135	168	–	8	22	–
	1100	56	97	–	37	53	–
Hanson	130	22	23½	–	1	2	–
(*150)	140	13	15½	17½	2½	4½	5½
	160	2½	5½	7½	14	15	16½
Hawker	460	102	113	–	2	5	–
(*552)	500	68	82	92	6	12	18
	550	21	45	55	21	30	37
Hillsdown	260	22	32	41	3	6	10
(*276)	280	8	19	28	13	13	17
	300	2	10	–	27	24	–
Lonrho	300	83	88	99	3	11	17
(*371)	330	58	68	81	9	20	26
	360	38	53	66	19	32	38
Midland	390	35	50	55	4	11	16
(*416)	420	17	28	35	13	25	27
	460	6	12	18	47	52	53
Sears	120	19	25½	28	3	7	9½
(*134)	130	12	19	22	6	10	13
	140	7	14	17½	12½	15½	18
Tesco	130	16	21	23	2½	4½	6
(*140)	140	9	15	16	5½	9	12
	160	2	5½	8	21	22	23
Thorn EMI	600	80	92	110	4	9	13
(*666)	650	37	58	70	10	22	30
	700	13	27	37	40	45	52
THF	240	34	42	48	4½	12	17
(*267)	260	21	30	37	11½	20	26
	280	11	21	29	23	34	37
Unilever	420	72	87	94	2	4	7
(*487)	460	36	52	65	7	13	17
	500	13	29	40	24	29	35
Wellcome	460	45	63	75	8	15	20
(*483)	500	21	42	52	24	32	38
	550	6	20	31	65	64	70
	Series	Nov	Jan	Mar	Nov	Jan	Mar
Enterprise	600	23	44	63	35	46	53
(*581)	650	9	26	42	72	78	83
	700	4	15	28	117	118	120
RHM	360	38	45	–	4	10	–
(*392)	390	20	30	–	12	24	–
	420	8	20	–	37	43	–
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA	265	21	–	–	2	–	–
(*282)	280	9½	19	27	5	12	14
	300	2	9½	17	20	22	28
Brit Aero	420	74	90	98	2	5	12
(*488)	460	37	58	68	5	12	23
	500	10	33	42	20	28	45
	550	2	13	20	63	65	80
BAT Ind	390	86	100	105	1	2	4
(*473)	420	56	73	80	1	5	10
	460	23	40	49	6½	14	23
Brit Tele	220	29	32	38	1	3½	5
(*246)	240	11	17	25	3½	9	11
	260	1½	8	13	16	20	23
Cadbury	360	24	43	53	9	23	28
(*372)	390	11	26	39	27	38	44
	420	4	18	26	52	59	63
Guinness	300	47	58	62	2	4	7
(*344)	330	20	34	40	4	10	14
	360	5	17	22	20	24	28
Ladbroke	390	63	70	–	1	4	–
(*451)	420	34	46	52	3½	10	12
	460	7	23	30	22	28	31
LASMO	500	29	57	70	16	30	43
(*508)	550	11	35	50	48	60	68
	600	6	21	38	95	100	107
Pilkington	200	27	31	36	2	5	7
(*223)	220	10	18	24	5	12	15
	240	3	9½	15	19	23	26
Plessey	140	28	31	35	1	3	5
(*166)	160	9½	15	21	3½	9	13
	180	2	6½	12	16	21	25
P & O	500	62	98	105	3	6	12
(*578)	550	37	58	65	6	17	25
	600	9	30	37	30	40	50
Prudential	160	4	9	12	9	13	15
(*158)	170	1	–	–	18	–	–
	180	½	5	6	28	29	30
Racal	300	13	26	37	11	20	27
(*298)	330	3	14	26	34	42	48
	360	1½	8	13	62	65	64
RTZ	390	57	70	85	2½	8	11
(*438)	420	30	49	62	7	15	22
	460	10	28	40	27	36	40
Vaal Reefs	60	6½	13	16	1½	3½	7
(*365)	70	3½	8	9	5	8	10
	80	1½	3½	4½	11	16	17
Tr 12%	106	–	3 1/32	–	–	6/32	–
1995	110	–	¾	–	1½	1½	–
(*109)	112	1/16	2/16	–	3½	–	–
	114	1/16	1/16	–	–	–	–

FT-SE INDEX (*1852)

Series	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
1700	153	158	168	177	½	5	9	17
1750	103	112	125	137	1	10	17	27
1800	53	73	87	95	2½	19	29	43
1850	11	36	52	65	13	40	48	61
1900	1	15	30	42	55	72	80	92
1950	½	6	15	24	106	107	115	125
2000	½	2	—	—	157	155	—	—

October 26, 1988 Total: 47420 Calls 33048 Puts 14372 FT-SE: Calls 1178 Puts 2855
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
October 24	November 4	January 26	February 6

Call options were taken out on: 26/10/88 ERA, Mount Charlotte, Wimpey, Lonrho, Ryan International, NMW, West Industries, Sajam, Trafford Park, PML, Lawtex, Eagle Trust, Control Secs, Marley, Ibstock, Johnson, W Lawrence, United Biscuits, Scottish & Newcastle, Unigate, Trimoco, GEC, Polly Peck, Brooke Tool, Hanson Trust.

Put: Christy Hunt.

Puts & Calls: Trust House Forte Wts, Suter.

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Labour accuses DTI of negligence over Clowes

By Lawrence Lever

The Opposition yesterday launched a stinging attack on the Government's claim that Sir Godfray Le Quesne's report into the Barlow Clowes affair had absolved the Department of Trade and Industry from blame.

"The notion that Le Quesne clears the DTI is arrant nonsense," Mr Tony Blair, the Opposition spokesman on City affairs, said.

"A careful reading of the report reveals a catalogue of blunders, missed opportunities and negligence."

Labour also released its own interpretation of Sir Godfray's report. It is headed "15 wasted warnings, five acts of negligence and three reasons why the DTI cannot wash its hands of Barlow Clowes International" (the Gibraltar arm of the crashed investment group).

"The conduct of the Government can be seen in the starkest contrast to the increasingly frantic warnings given to it by virtually everyone concerned with City regulation."

Sir Godfray's report shows that the DTI received several warnings, some of them very specific, about Barlow Clowes, before it licensed it to deal with the public in October 1985.

The warnings came from sources such as the Stock Exchange and the Bank of England as well as Nasdim, the intermediaries watchdog, and several individual financial intermediaries.

Last week Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, argued that his department's behaviour was reasonable since, following the warnings, it had sought and received assurances about Barlow Clowes from the firm's reputable professional advisers.

However, question marks have been raised about the adequacy of the assurances and the apparent failure of the department to carry out a thorough evaluation of the products offered by Barlow Clowes.

The warnings from the Bank and the Stock Exchange had called into question these products. The Stock Exchange, for example, expressed: "disbelief . . . about whether Barlow Clowes could pay their advertised return without eroding capital."

Mr Blair, who was meeting Lord Young last night to discuss the Barlow Clowes affair, said: "It is now plain that the only people unaware of the true nature of Barlow Clowes were the DTI, who could not see, and the investors, who were not told."

Holmes in spotlight after ADT share move

By Martin Waller

The future of Holmes Protection Group, the security company formerly known as Scusa, which is based in the US although quoted in London, has been cast into doubt by news that Mr Michael Ashcroft's ADT has applied to acquire a stake.

Because it is registered in Delaware, Holmes is subject to US corporate law. Mr Ashcroft has made an application to the US anti-monopoly authorities saying he intends to acquire more than $15 million (£8.52 million) of Holmes shares.

Speculation in London was that he might have conditionally agreed to buy the 15 per cent of Holmes owned by Wormald, an Australian group, which is known to be for sale, probably subject to clearance from the US authorities. The Wormald stake is valued at $22.7 million at the current market price.

ADT's substantial security interests in New York and New Jersey, coupled with those of Holmes, would give any combined group a large share of the commercial security market there.

ADT's application, which was worded to comply with the US Hart-Scott-Rodino anti-trust legislation, said depending on market conditions it might acquire additional stock constituting 50 per cent or more of its target.

Holmes shares shot ahead initially to 138p, a gain of 12p, in London before settling back to 130p. At this price the company is worth slightly more than $150 million.

Market caution was based on the fact that ADT's application is still at an early stage, and that it is blocked from buying any shares for 30 days. In addition, any subsequent takeover battle would be fought under Wall Street rules, which could offer the investor a lower return than provided by the City's Takeover Code.

Neither ADT nor Mr Brian O'Connor and Mr Tom Forrest, the men who run Holmes, was available for comment. But the Holmes board, which took the unusual step of publicizing Mr Ashcroft's application, said it would be seeking clarification from ADT of its intentions.

Record £97m for Wolseley as sales rise 31% to £1.3bn

Optimistic: Jeremy Lancaster (Photograph: James Gray)

By Alexandra Jackson

Wolseley, the world's largest heating and plumbing merchant, reported record profits in the year to end-July, up from £75.2 million to £97.6 million. Sales were 31 per cent higher at £1.3 billion compared to £977 million.

Maiden contributions from newly acquired US businesses added £10.6 million to trading profits. The results were boosted by £1.1 million of profits from property disposals.

Currency movements during the year resulted in a £2 million year-on-year swing in profits.

Earnings per share increased from 24.6p to 31.7p. A final dividend of 6.7p was declared, up from 5p in 1986-87, making a total for the year of 9p, up from 7p.

Mr Jeremy Lancaster, the chairman and managing director, said despite some concern for domestic interest rates and the US budget deficit, he remained optimistic about the group's prospects.

"We are in excellent shape and have a strong balance sheet. Having expanded rapidly the group now looks forward to good organic growth and some strategic cash acquisitions," he said.

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Cannon Street to float subsidiary

By Our City Staff

Cannon Street Investments, the industrial holding company chaired by Mr Bill Hislop, is to float its Betacom domestic telephone supply subsidiary.

Market estimates say the company should be capitalized at between £25 million and £30 million once it reaches the market — by the end of the year, market conditions allowing.

It is the first flotation for a subsidiary of Cannon Street since its relaunch on the stock market in July 1985.

Further quotes are planned for three or four of the group's subsidiaries over the next year, Mr Hislop said.

Betacom will be floated by means of an offer for sale which will give existing Cannon Street shareholders preferential treatment, although it is hoped a significant proportion of the 70 per cent of the equity on offer will go to new shareholders.

Betacom's profits have expanded from £33,000 pre-tax in the year to end-September 1983 to £2.31 million in the 13 months to end-December 1987. It is likely to come to the market on a price/earnings multiple somewhere in the low teens.

It is involved in the promotional end of the market, producing specially designed telephones for large corporations, and a range of novelty telephones. A new range of low-cost domestic facsimile machines is also being launched shortly.

ICH cuts payout on setback

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

International City Holdings, the money-broking and financial services group, yesterday surprised the market by cutting its dividend by 1.5p to 7.5p after announcing a 44.2 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £9.6 million for the year to July 31.

The company's shares tumbled 23p to 102p. Earnings per share were down by more than half from 24.8p to 11.2p.

ICH blamed difficult market conditions for the profit decline which was particularly severe in securities broking. Profits on securities broking dropped from £6.6 million in 1987 to a loss of £852,000.

Most of the decline came in MKI.

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Japan's sombre economy

Hundreds of Japanese businesses, from hotels and flower shops to advertising agencies and geisha houses, are suffering from the commercial slowdown caused by the mood of self-restraint that has gripped Japan ever since Emperor Hirohito's health collapsed five weeks ago. The cancellation of parties in Tokyo's expense account business world has been particularly painful for Japan's famous "hostesses". Geisha houses, which provide the elite human dolls that decorate parties at ritzy Japanese restaurants, are having to tell their girls to spend more evenings in front of the television. The more numerous "companions" — there are 100,000 in Tokyo alone — who wait on businessmen at company parties or at new product launches, have also had time to catch up on their reading. But some economists are now predicting that Japan's solemn lip-biting could even hurt the country's economic growth. Richard Jerram, an economist with merchant bank Kleinwort Benson in Tokyo, calculates that the economic loss could slice a quarter of a percentage point off Japan's economic growth this year. Noboru Takeshita, Japan's prime minister, is also worried. But he set the ball rolling himself when, shortly after the Emperor fell ill, he cancelled a political fund-raising party which was expected to raise between 1 and 2 billion yen (£4.5 million to £9 million).

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Getting to know vous

The best marriages, some say, are those where the partners do not understand each other. The love affair which led to yesterday's nuptials between MB (formerly known as Metal Box) and French companies Carnaud and Compagnie Générale d'Industrie et de Participations should thus go far. Dr Brian Smith, MB's chairman, who was full of enthusiasm about how well the marriage will work at yesterday's public announcement, whispered behind his hand that he does not speak French. M Jean-Marie Descarpentries, President-Directeur-General elect of the new group does, however, speak English. May their union be blessed.

Growth fund

You do not normally associate stockbrokers with the gentle art of gardening. Yet in a new publicity drive, private-client broker Capel-Cure Myers compares itself to that most famous of landscape gardeners, Capability Brown. According to Fred Carr, managing director of CCM's Management Capital: "Our approach to managing private clients can be likened to the approach an experienced gardener takes to create and maintain a beautiful garden." As part of the gardening theme CCM is sponsoring the National Gardens Scheme. Methinks the private client list would have trebled if they had offered easy access to the Chelsea Flower Show by "helping" the Royal Horticultural Society.

METAL BOX MERGES WITH FRENCH PACKAGERS
Smith

"Now they'll be calling themselves the world's greatest Can-Can . . ."

Cap'n book

After he recently chose his eight records for Desert Island Discs, I suppose the next broadcasting accolade for publisher Robert Maxwell has to be This Is Your Life. I gather preparations are now under way, amid the usual secrecy, for the great man's appearance on the show. But will there be sufficient studio space to accommodate the entire Maxwell clan?

Galley slaves

Peter Carey is not the only one celebrating his winning the Booker Prize. Mackays of Chatham, the printer and binder of his novel, *Oscar and Lucinda*, are now busy reprinting 37,000 more copies to deliver to Faber & Faber, the publisher, on Monday morning. Mackays, which started business life in 1980 and now has a turnover of £12 million, will be working over the weekend to ensure the batch is finished on time and reckons there will be a further order for 30,000 next week. Some Booker Prize-winners have generated reprints of up to 100,000 copies in the weeks following the award. Jim Daniels, Mackays managing director and one of the major shareholders, said: "We were watching the awards on television and hoping our book would win." In the event "our" book could have been one of three, for Mackays also printed *Utz* by Bruce Chatwin and *The Lost Father* by Marina Warner, also shortlisted, and also likely to be reprinted.

● **British Telecom is not alone in facing a hostile reaction from customers to its plans to charge for directory inquiries. Nippon Telegraph & Telephone, Japan's national telephone company, has also decided to shelve plans to introduce charges after customers revolted. But there are one or two differences. It is very hard to find a telephone in Japan that does not work, and Japanese operators and directory inquiry services answer within a couple of rings.**

Rosemary Unsworth

Warning on profits from ITL

A profits warning from ITL Information Technology, placed on the stock market at 105p in June last year, sent the shares down another 10p to 40p.

At this price, the company, which makes specialized micro-computers and data communications systems, is valued at just £12.4 million.

ITL said that despite higher orders in the first half of its financial year to October 16, sales were lower than expected and margins had been under considerable pressure. Results in both halves of the year were, therefore, likely to be below expectations.

A cost-cutting programme, including an 8 per cent reduction in staff levels, is under way.

Figures slide at Reebok

Reebok, the US footwear company 32 per cent owned by Pentland Industries, saw pre-tax profits drop from $92.98 million (£52.81 million) to $61.99 million in the third quarter to end-September.

The company said it had expected a drop in earnings in the quarter but was not satisfied with the figures. Sales of Reebok brand footwear rose 34 per cent during the quarter to $352 million, and total sales from $408 million to $539 million.

Bourse move

Foreign companies will be able to buy into the Belgian bourse when the country's own Big Bang comes into force. They will be able to take an initial 25 per cent stake in special companies set up by Belgian stockbrokers and, later, be able to buy 100 per cent in the bourse companies, as well as set up their own from January 1, 1992.

Cash deal

Harland Simon, the Milton Keynes electrical and computer systems design group, is paying $1.75 million (£994,000) cash for most of the Electro-Flyte controls systems division of Black Clawson, the US group.

Year change

Baldwin, the diversified group, is changing its financial year-end from April 30 to October 31 and will have a six-month accounting period to end-October this year.

Dealer bought

Western Motor Holdings has bought Berden Garage, a Toyota dealer of Sandhurst, Berkshire, for £1.7 million cash.

COMMENT David Brewerton

French box clever to package *le colossus*

Ugly memories of the disastrous union of Dunlop with Pirelli are stirred by the joint venture plan of MB Group and Carnaud of France. The Dunlop deal ended in acrimony and near-bankruptcy, not because the vision of a string of joint venture motor car tyre companies was flawed, but because the two sides could not get on. Dunlop simply could not hold its end up against Pirelli, the union collapsed and one of Britain's oldest and proudest companies was broken up.

Vision is in abundant supply at MB Group, where chairman Mr Brian Smith took time recently to outline to institutions his ideas of where the group would be in 1992. He did not warn them that he was about to merge two-thirds of the group into the French company Carnaud to create a packaging colossus, third in the world and biggest in Europe, but he may not have known. The deal slapped in front of the shareholders yesterday was concocted in about five to six weeks.

For all its rapid progress from the idea stage to formal agreement, the deal looks, at first sight, to be one of the bravest arrangements we have yet seen in the run up to 1992, and may be a model for others to follow. The drive for putting together Metalbox Packaging and Carnaud comes not from the banking parlours of Paris or London, but from the management of two large businesses pooling their strength to take on the world.

Both Carnaud and Metalbox Packaging have been expanding fast in Europe and elsewhere, and each had reached the point where it was increasingly likely to trip over the other in the quest for new markets. The two already have trading links and various agreements on the transfer of technology, and competition between them was not much to their taste.

In Brussels, the Commissioners may have more than a few questions on that particular issue, although the partners are doing their best to present the merger as "complementary" rather than "anti-competitive." It is hard to see where the difference lies.

A merger of the two creates a European company head and shoulders above St Gobain, its nearest competitor. It will command £2 billion of a £35 billion market, which should not give Lord Young too many sleepless nights, and although some customers are bound to question the lessening of competition, others will welcome the greater spread of products, markets and innovation that the combined group will be able to muster.

The whole key to whether or not the merger ends in tears as did the visionary Dunlop/Pirelli union, or ticks away with the sweetness of a Cartier watch depends on the managements of the enlarged Carnaud, to be known as CMB Packaging, of MB Group and of Compagnie Générale d'Industrie et de Participations, which controls 44 per cent of Carnaud.

The board is being constructed like Bradford City Council — half and half, which is fair but may simply result in stagnation. What is required is that CMB Packaging has its own strong and independent board, which regards the two former owners merely as shareholders and not *patrons*.

The history of joint ventures on the grand scale is at best mixed, at worst littered with the corpses of good intentions. Even between the two participants in the CBM venture, there is a history of joint companies in three countries being unscrambled because the two sides both thought they were not getting sufficient advantages from them. And MB's plans, announced only two weeks ago, to take a 72 per cent stake in France's largest can maker have been cancelled. No reason is given for abandoning that stalking horse for Europe, even before the ink was dry on the heads of agreement. Perhaps it just got overtaken by events.

But, by and large, the industrial strategy behind the merger appears to have compelling logic.

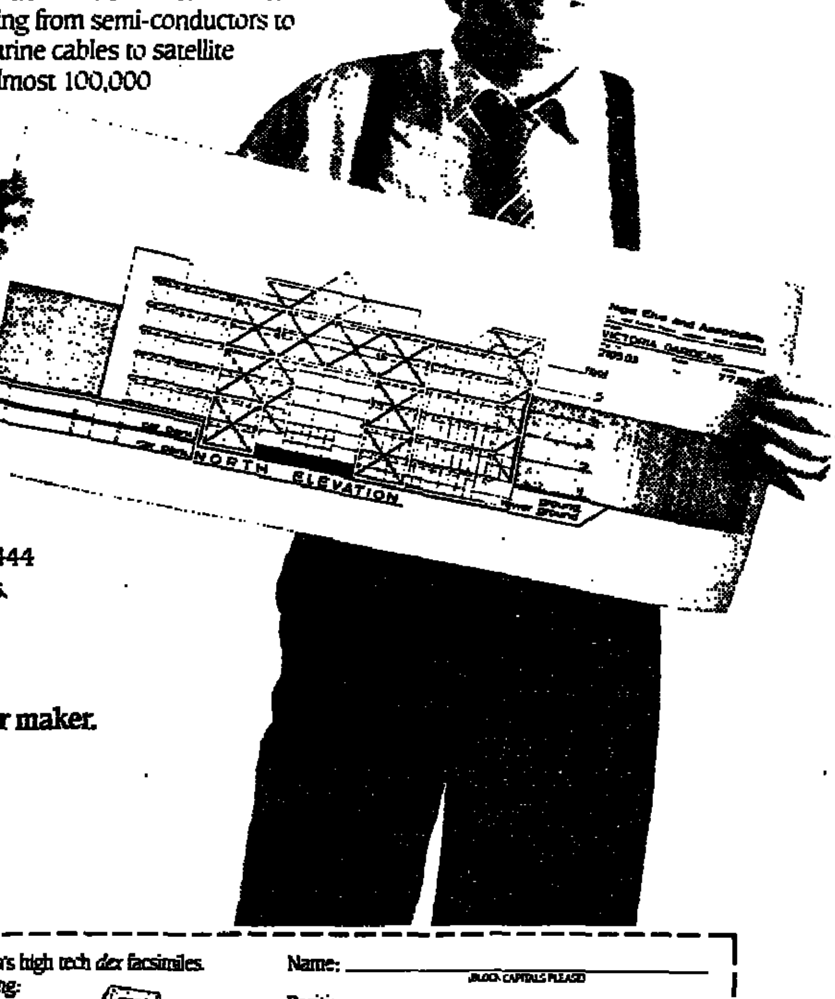
It is in the financial detail that the deal looks cobbled, and likely to fall apart. The two sides each insisted that they end up with identical shareholdings, even though MB has the more valuable business to inject and Carnard's major shareholder is sitting on 44 per cent of its capital. For the French side it is all quite straightforward: existing Carnaud shareholders have their stakes diluted by the shares that Carnaud will issue to acquire Metalbox Packaging. The 44 per cent becomes 25.55 per cent.

But the existing MB Group shareholder sees his company dispose of two-thirds of its business in exchange for a minority shareholding in a French company, and a lump of cash for which MB has outline but not definitive plans. MB shareholders also pick up a direct stake in the French company: instead of one investment they will have two, one of them carrying all the complications of foreign domicile.

However it is dressed up, MB is selling the greater part of its business, and its status will be reduced to that of a holding company for its stake in CMB. It will be able to account for its share of the packaging group's earnings but will not, as Sir Michael Edwardes would put it, be able to get its hands on the cash. The market value of the CMB shareholding will not be fully reflected in the MB share price.

MB shares are suspended because the Stock Exchange rulebook lacks the flexibility to allow them to be traded. The French are less queasy, and Carnaud shares were allowed to fall FFr26 to FFr490 yesterday.

Fair comment.



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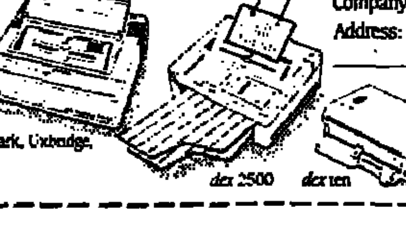

BUSINESS LETTERS

Earning power of shipping

From the President of the General Council of British Shipping

Sir, David Smith's article on the balance of payments (October 17) prompts me to remind your readers that there are other possibilities for redressing the balance than today's damagingly high interest rates with the chilling prospect, as David Smith puts it, of restraining growth to "a slower rate than competitor countries."

Among these possibilities is an expansion of the still considerable and very efficient foreign exchange earning power of the British shipping industry. In 1987 we contributed a net gain to the invisible balance of payments of £1.3 billion after meeting all overseas expenses. A not inconsiderable sum, concealed within the £3.6 billion surplus on invisibles, but not much more than half the comparable figure for 1980.

Since then the fleet has declined from 36 million dwt to 16 million dwt but the days when too may ships chased too few cargoes are over; markets are rising; opportunities to expand again are here.

The one thing missing is a willingness by Government to give investors in British ships reasonable equality of fiscal treatment with our competitors. This is vital because modern ships are expensive and, as things are, other opportunities abound for the more profitable investment of our shareholders' money in shore-based activities.

Most Governments of the world's major maritime states act on this knowledge. It is not too late for our Government to do the same and enable Britain's shipping to ease the Chancellor's problems.

Yours faithfully,
IAN DENHOLM,
President, General Council of British Shipping.
30-32 St Mary Axe,
London EC3
October 20

Group creator

From Mr Leslie Glenville

Sir, In your report (October 15) on the Hammerson Group half year results you refer to "... Mr Sydney Mason who created the Group..."

The Hammerson Group was the creation of Lewis W Hammerson, an early visionary in the property world. Lew is still remembered by his old friends with affection and you do less than justice to his memory by crediting the creation of the Group to Sydney Mason whose own subsequent contributions to the Group speak for themselves.

Yours truly,
LESLIE GLENVILLE,
16b Palmeira Court,
25/28 Palmeira Square
Hove,
East Sussex.
October 17.

Clowes report

From Mr P. C. Mavron

Sir, The verdict of the Le Quesne report was hardly surprising since it was conducted by a lawyer alone and not jointly with an accountant.

It is perhaps significant that without exception all recent DTI investigations into financial scandals have been conducted jointly by a lawyer and an accountant. On this one occasion, when the DTI was the subject of the investigation, the services of an experienced accountant were dispensed with.

Yours faithfully,
P. C. MAVRON,
71 Linden Way,
Southgate,
London, N14.
October 21.

Counting the cost of patriotism

From Mr Henry Hiley

Sir, Of course I have sympathy with those who have lost their savings because of the Barlow Clowes collapse

But is not the Government under an even greater obligation to those of us who receive a miserly 3½ per cent interest (arbitrarily reduced from 5 per cent in the 1930s) on War Loan quoted now at less than half its cost to patriotic citizens in real pounds, 60 odd years ago?

Yours sincerely,
HENRY HILEY,
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October 22

STOCK MARKET

Lonrho up as talk hardens of takeover from Australia

Dealers have now started to take seriously the prospect of Mr Alan Bond, the Australian entrepreneur, making a bid for Lonrho, the international trading group headed by Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, where he has already built up a 14.9 per cent holding.

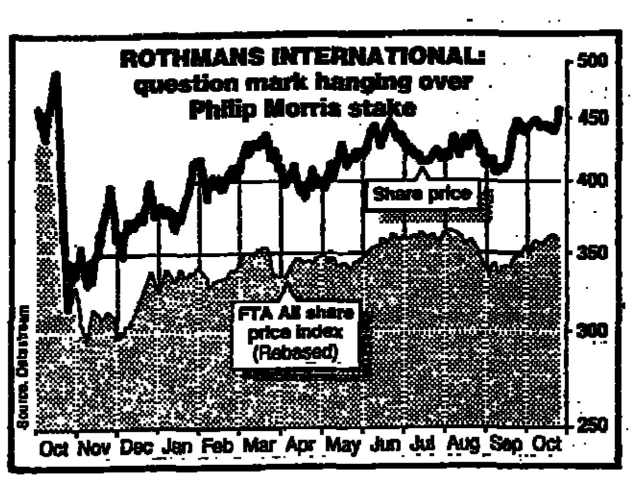
Lonrho shrugged off all signs of recent profit-taking to finish the day 24.25p higher at 378.5p as another massive 24 million shares were traded. This follows recent indications that Mr Bond is clearing the decks and gearing himself up for another important bid.

On Monday, he asked a syndicate, headed by Morgan Stanley International, the New York securities house, to place his 5.5 per cent holding in BHP, Australia's biggest industrial company, with various institutions. Mr Bond acquired the BHP stake when he bought Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Group.

The sale of the 70 million shares is expected to raise more than $400 million (£227 million). He has revealed that he is anxious to sell his 14.9 per cent stake in Standard Chartered, the international banking group and is believed to have put up for sale several holdings in Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, amounting to 9 per cent.

Last night there was also talk in the market that the "For sale" sign has gone up on his shareholding in the M&G Group, which, at the last count, stood at 13.06 per cent.

Smith New Court, the broker, which has acted for Mr Bond in the past, was said to have been responsible for most of yesterday's business in Lonrho, leading to suggestions that he was again adding to his holding. But dealers point out that he is unable to deal in the shares until tomorrow to allow for the statutory cooling-off period following the last announcement of his holding in Lonrho.


ROTHMANS INTERNATIONAL: question mark hanging over Philip Morris stake

The rest of the equity market enjoyed a small technical rally which left leading shares sporting small gains on the day. But business remained thin with most investors anxiously awaiting today's trade figures before deciding their next move.

The FT-SE 100 closed 2.9 up at 1,850.7, having been 10.5 higher earlier on. The narrower FT index of 30 shares also rose by 2.3 to 1,503.2.

Government securities finished with losses stretching to £¼ after the Chancellor reaffirmed his determination to bring inflation under control.

Redland lost 6p after hours at 440p on fears of a £250 million rights issue accompanying today's interim figures. Dealers claim that it wants the money to bid for **Ibstock Johnsen**, whose shares were 1p dearer at 182p.

Consolidated Gold Fields clawed back some of Tuesday's losses following the reference of Minorco's £2.9 billion bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The rally was fuelled by talk that Minorco had decided go call it a day and had sold its entire 30 per cent stake to Noranda, the Toronto-based mining group. But Noranda stoutly denied that it would be interested.

There was some scepticism about whether Minorco will decide to sell. The monopolies reference was a controversial one and has meant a great many investors, who had been banking on a higher offer, have lost money. This has led to claims that the story about the sale of the stake has been circulated by stale bulls hoping to reduce their losses.

ConsGold closed 11p up at £11.50.

But the talk succeeded in injecting fresh life into **Charter Consolidated**, where Minorco owns 36 per cent and which, in turn, owns 4 per cent of ConsGold. Charter finished 9p dearer at 435p.

First-time dealings in **Racal Telecom**, the Vodafone mobile communications group floated off from Racal, made a confident start although the premium was less than estimates had suggested. The shares, offered at 170p, started life at 177p and closed at 176.5p – a net premium of 6.5p.

But the shares of the parent company, **Racal Electronics**, failed to benefit, falling 7p to 298p.

Rothmans International "B" was an early feature, climbing 16p to 459p on a turnover of almost 2.5 million shares. The price now stands just 40p below its pre-crash peak. This latest flurry of activity has been started by speculation about the future of the near 30 per cent stake held by Philip Morris, the US tobacco group which earlier this month launched an $11.5 billion (£6.5 billion) bid for the Kraft Corporation.

Followers of Rothmans claim that the move by Philip Morris indicates it is moving away from tobacco and into food manufacturing. As a result, it may need to sell its holding in Rothmans to raise much-needed capital. Rembrandt, the South African tobacco producer, owns a further 33 per cent of Rothmans and has been given first option on the Philip Morris stake should it decide to sell.

Michael Clark

The interim figures next Monday from Trevian Holdings, the USM-quoted property trader, should make pleasant reading. Dealers expect the group to report pre-tax profits of £1.25 million for the six months to September 30, compared with £1.03 million for the whole of last year. Trevian finished 2p better at 92p.

Fight for US publisher nears end

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, and Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the New York buyout specialist, have both extended their rival offers for Macmillan, the US publishing company, from October 25 to next Thursday

The extension became necessary when Mr Maxwell was granted an injunction last week, which gave him the right to appeal against a Delaware court ruling, which effectively cleared a lock-up agreement under which KKR was allowed to purchase four of Macmillan's "crown jewel" businesses at cheap prices if it lost the bid. The Macmillan board is supporting KKR's offer. If Mr Maxwell fails to overturn the ruling, the lock-up agreement, one of the classic US takeover defences, illegal in Britain, would make Mr Maxwell's offer unviable.

On the other hand, if he wins, Mr Maxwell's higher cash offer is likely to be accepted. The appeal court hearing is next Wednesday. The ruling will be final.

NEW YORK

Dollar decline puts shares into retreat

(**Reuter**) – Shares remained lower in early trading yesterday, *but blue chips* were regaining some of their earlier losses. Prices fell along with a sharp decline in the dollar, brokers said. The dollar fell after the report of a smaller-than-expected rise in the third-quarter gross national product.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 6 points to 2,167.36 after declining to 2,157.00. Mr Jerome Hinkle, a senior *trader at Sanford* C Bernstein, said: "The difference between the expected and the actual GNP figure was much weaker trade and military spending figures."

● **Frankfurt** – Bolstered by strong foreign and domestic demand, as well as the dollar's stability at about DM1.79, shares surged to 1988 highs before slipping slightly on profit-taking. The 30-share DAX index peaked at a 1988 high of 1,312.51, before easing to close at 1,310.63 – up 16.91 points, or 1.3 per cent.

TOKYO

Nikkei up 199 points as confidence returns

(**Reuter**) – Prices ended yesterday on a high note in heavy turnover as investors became more confident. Mr Tadaaki Uehara, the deputy general manager at Wako Securities, said: "Oil prices are generally weaker, Japanese short-term interest rates are falling and the yen is strong. The market rose on these merits."

The Nikkei index gained 199.11 points, or 0.73 per cent, to 27,620.60, building on Tuesday's 139.95-point gain. Volume surged to 1.9 billion shares against 1.2 billion – the first time it rose near this level since July 15's 2 billion.

● **Sydney** – The market closed barely steady after a lacklustre day of thin trading. At the close of floor trading, the All-Ordinaries Index had edged up 0.7 points to 1,581.5.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES	
BMSS (118p)	126
Bucknall Aust (110p)	115
Builder Gp (125p)	161
Caldwell Inv	33 +3
Christie Grp (145p)	170 +2
Colonnade	139
Cupid	108
Edinburgh Hibernian	58
European Colour	24
Heritage (95p)	160
Herring Son (150p)	155
Hi-Tech Sports	144
Lincat Group (115p)	170
Mitsubishi Bank	£13½ –1/16
Nat Telecom	149
Racal Telecom	176½
Ralston	64
Riva	125
Saunderson Elec (130p)	145
Savills (125p)	118
SCR Corp	£19⅛ +1/16
SWP	25
Specialeyes	78
Sunset & Vine	104 –1
Swallowfield	169
Tamaris	48 +2
Tams (John) (80p)	92
Thorntons (125p)	128
Zurich Group	55
RIGHTS ISSUES	
Anglia Sec N/P	46 +6
Benlox Hlds NP	5 +2
Caird Gp NP	30
Carlton Comm NP	61 –3
Fitch Lovell N/P	21 –1
Grand Met NP	36
Simms N/P	25 –5
Sutcliffe Spkm NP	5 –1
Tysons N/P	4
Queens Moat Hse NP	25 +3

(Issue price in brackets).

WALL STREET

	Oct 25	Oct 24
AMR Cp	50%	50%
ASA	37%	37%
Aetna Life	50%	50%
Allied Signal	34%	34%
Allis Chlm	½	½
Alcoa	55%	55
Amax Inc	22%	22%
AMR Hess	29%	28%
Am Brands	59%	59%
Am Cynmd	50%	50%
Am El Pwr	28	28
Amexs	25%	25%
Am Family	14%	14
Am Home	82%	81%
Am Inf Grp	67%	68
Am Teleph	27%	27%
Amoco Cp	74%	74%
Anheuser B	34	34%
Arch Dan	21%	21%
Armco Steel	10	10%
Asarco Inc	26%	26%
Ashland Oil	35%	36%
Atl Richfld	80%	80%
Avon Prod	23%	29%
Bk Boston	28%	27%
Bank NY	35	35%
Bankamer	17%	18%
Bkrs Tst NY	39%	39%
Baxter	18	17%
Beth Steel	20%	20
Boeing	65%	66%
Boise Casc	43%	44
Borden	60%	60%
Bristl Meyr	45	44%
BP	51%	51%
Brunswick	18%	18%
Burl Nth	74%	74%
CBS	174%	176%
Cms Engy	25%	26%
CPC Int	55%	57%
CSX Cp	30%	30%
Camp Soup	33%	33%
Can Pacific	18%	18%
Caterpillar	63%	63%
Centrl SW	31%	31%
Champion	32%	32%
Chase Man	29%	30%
Chem Bank	31%	31%
Chevron	47%	46%
Chrysler	27%	27
Citicorp	25%	25%
Clark Eq	31	30%
Coca Cola	44%	44
Colgate	47%	48½
Columb Gas	34%	34%
Cmb'tn Eng	29%	29%
Cmwlth Edi	32%	32%
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Corning Gl	65%	64%
Crane	24%	24%
Curtiss W	49%	49%
Data Genl	18%	19
Deere Co	49%	50
Delta Airl	50%	51%
Detroit Edi	16%	16
Digital Eq	92%	85%
Disney	67%	68
Dow Chem	91%	91%
Dresser Ind	28%	29
Dupont	83%	83%
Duke Pwr	47%	47%
East Kodak	48%	49%
Eaton Cp	51%	52%
Emerson El	30%	30%
Emery Air	4%	5%
Exxon	45%	45%
Farah Inc	10%	10%
Fedders	10%	10%
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Fst Penn C	12%	12%
FT Wachva	39%	39%
Ford Motor	54%	53%
GAF Cp	48%	48%
GTE Cp	43%	43%
Gen Cp	21%	22%
Gn Dynmcs	52%	52%
Gen Electric	44%	44%
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Gen Mills	56%	57%
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Georgia Pac	35%	36%
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Goodrich	57%	56%
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Kraft	96	102
Kroger	57%	57
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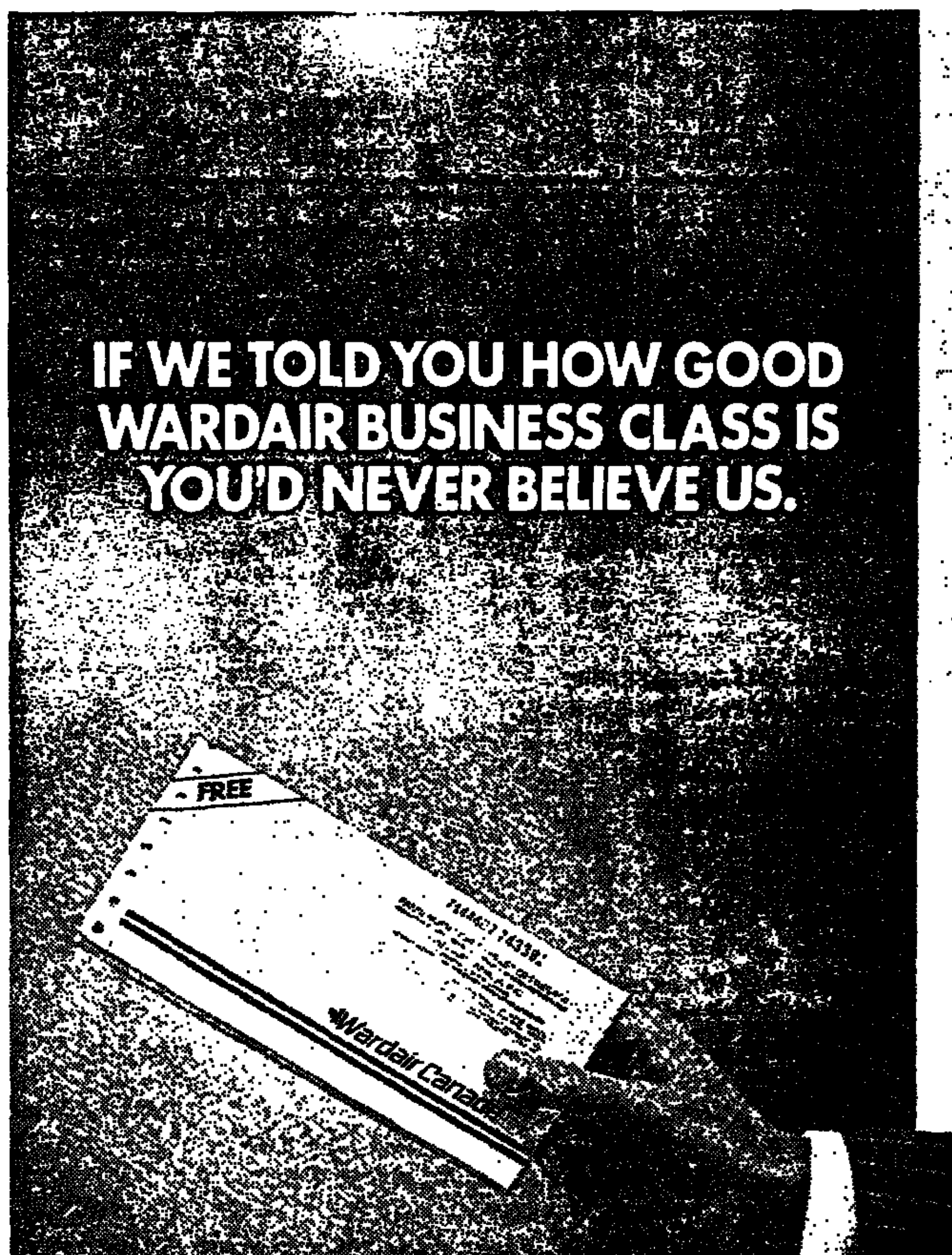

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Small gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 17. Dealings end tomorrow. §Contango day October 31. Settlement day November 7.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/ earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks (VOLUMES: PAGE 26).

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Smallshaw (R)	Textiles	
2	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
3	EIS	Industrials E-K	
4	Gateway Corp (aa)	Foods	
5	HTV Group	Leisure	
6	Rockware	Industrials L-R	
7	McInerney	Property	
8	Quotient	Electricals	
9	Staveley	Industrials S-Z	
10	Ruberoid	Building,Roads	
11	Tilbury Group	Building,Roads	
12	Int Thomson	Newspapers,Pub	
13	Ropner Ind	Industrials S-Z	
14	Elliott (B)	Industrials E-K	
15	FKI Babcock (aa)	Electricals	
16	Alba	Electricals	
17	Local Lon	Property	
18	Galliford	Building,Roads	
19	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
20	Anglia Sec	Building,Roads	
21	Kwik Save	Foods	
22	Baggeridge Brick	Building,Roads	
23	Greenall Whitley	Breweries	
24	Yorklyde	Textiles	
25	Brammer	Industrials A-D	
26	Robinson (Thomas)	Industrials L-R	
27	Fine Art Dev	Drapery,Stores	
28	Hampson Ind	Industrials E-K	
29	Olive Hldgs	Paper,Print,Adv	
30	Avis Europe	Industrials A-D	
31	Kelt Energy	Oil,Gas	
32	Eurotunnel Units	Industrials E-K	
33	Inry Merch	Property	
34	Keep Trust	Industrials E-K	
35	Goring Kerr	Industrials E-K	
36	BAT (aa)	Tobaccos	
37	Argyll? (aa)	Foods	
38	Reed Int (aa)	Newspapers,Pub	
39	House Of Lerose	Drapery,Stores	
40	Lopex	Paper,Print,Adv	
41	Maunders (J)	Building,Roads	
42	Quadrant Group	Leisure	
43	Cowan De Groot	Industrials A-D	
44	Prestwich Hldgs	Industrials L-R	
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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DAILY DIVIDEND £4,000

Claims required for 36 points

ACCUMULATOR £278,000

Claims better than 36 points

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1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chg	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
111	30	Rea Bros	70	75	-8	0.3	0.4	..
181	84	Rothschild (J) Hld	159	162	+2	10.7	6.6	6.4
389	297	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	348	350	-5	17.8	5.1	8.8
10	850	Schroders	900	910	●+15	22.0	2.4	11.5
886	372	Stand Chart (aa)	488	492	t-5	46.7	9.5	..
118½	86	TSB (aa)	107	108	+½	6.6	6.1	7.2
585	461	Union Disc	505	513		38.4	7.5	11.5
333	276	Warburg SG	307	310	+7	15.3	5.0	8.3
193	95	Do 6% 'A'	192	195		8.0	7.7	..
40½	23	Wells Fargo	40½	..	-⅛			
458	443	[illegible]	445	450	..	9.3	2.1	16.7

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chg	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
489	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	479	482	-1	17.3	3.6	14.4
867	734	Bass (aa)	783	788	..	28.9	3.4	11.8
55	44	Belhaven	51	53	● ..	1.0	1.9	20.8
175	127	Boddington	162	165	● ..	5.4	3.3	17.0
287	129	Buckleys	145	155	..	4.3	2.9	..
195	147	Bulmer (H P)	163	170	+4	8.7	5.2	11.2
191	128	Burtonwood Brew	173	180	..	4.2	2.4	21.9
380	332	Clark (Matthew)	360	370	..	14.7	3.8	10.6
371	292	Devenish (JA)	316	323	..	4.0	1.3	28.2
287	176	Greenall Whitley	282	285	+4	8.8	3.1	15.0
484	433	Greene King	451	456	..	9.9	2.2	20.2
782	271	Guinness (aa)	342	345	● ..	12.9	3.8	11.4
795	602	Hardys & Hansons	795	805	..	32.0	2.6	14.8
130	78	Highland Dist	118	121	..	3.8	3.2	18.8
415	168	Invergordon Dist	400	410	-3	8.3	2.0	24.5
440	125	Irish Dist	402	410	-1			
187	110	Marston Thompson	159	163	..	3.9	2.4	18.1
683	466	Morland	630	675	..	10.9	1.7	25.8
388	250	SA Breweries	345	365	+5			
411	286	Scot & New (aa)	398	401	-1	12.2	3.1	18.7
721	479	Vaux Group	680	685	..	21.5b	3.1	21.1
317	288	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	290	292	-2	14.1	4.8	10.9
700	324	Do 'B'	680	700	..	14.1	2.2	24.2
411	288	Whitbread Inv	402	407	..	12.3	3.0	43.0
434	351	Wolverhampton & D	425	438	..	8.2	1.8	18.2
538	345	Young 'A'	500	520	..	12.5	2.4	20.8

BUILDING, ROADS

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OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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SHOES, LEATHER

TEXTILES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chg	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
53	25	West Trust	43	46				
250	193	Yorklyde	225	235	+5	11.0b	4.8	7.7

TOBACCOS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chg	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
493	399	BAT (aa)	471	473	●+3	24.0	5.1	5.7
150	125	Carroll	137	147	+2			
459	385	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	458	460	+16	13.3	2.9	10.0

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	114.0	121.0●	+0.2	8.26
Hi Inc Equity	121.2	128.9●	-0.5	4.82
Worldwide Bd	191.5	203.0e	-0.1	4.78
American Gth	153.4	163.1	-0.5	1.16
Asian Pacific	86.42	79.18	+0.05	1.48
Assets & Earns	146.2	155.5e	-0.2	1.17
Capital Res	81.84	82.11	+0.05	3.65
Comm Energy	87.48	93.57●	-1.38	1.13
Euro Capital	74.66	79.44	-0.21	0.94
General	156.9	170.0	-1.8	2.65
Japan	88.11	94.24●	+0.32	0.00
UK Gth Inc	123.6	131.6●	-0.3	1.77
Do Acc	184.4	196.1●	-0.5	1.19
US Emerg Co	44.23	47.05●	+0.17	0.00
Income Gth	267.5	284.5e	-2.1	3.34
Master Acc	72.38	77.40	-0.23	2.08
American Inc	44.91	47.77	-0.16	3.74
Ethical Tst	44.30	47.12	-0.19	2.65

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070
Salisbury House 30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 01-374 6801 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	41.39	44.03	..	2.05
Australian	23.92	25.45●	..	1.36
Euro Tst	47.30	50.13	..	0.00
Extra Inc	38.62	40.99●	-0.13	5.06
Fund Invest	100.5	106.8●	..	1.00
Do Acc	152.3	161.8●	..	1.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	22.87	24.33●	..	9.83
Global Income	35.51	37.78●	..	5.11
Income Growth	66.82	71.09	..	4.23
Japan Gen	159.9	170.1	..	0.01
N Amer Inc	26.06	27.68●	+0.25	3.85
Special Sits	64.48	68.60●	..	1.27
UK Growth	32.00	33.87e	-0.11	2.72
World Gth	39.76	42.20e	+0.08	1.13

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth Acc	113.9	122.24●	-0.9	0.98
Exempt	404.2	424.9c	-1.4	4.50
Far Eastern	215.6	230.5●	+0.4	0.00
Fin & Prop	79.05	83.73	-0.74	2.51
Hi Yield	80.00	84.74●	-0.24	4.47
Income & Gth	318.3	337.2●	-0.4	4.23
Intl Earnings	184.3	195.3●	-0.9	2.84
Int Gth Inc	82.87	88.24●	-0.88	0.25
Japan Gth Acc	152.4	162.7	+0.7	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	118.4	125.1	-0.4	2.54
Preference Inc	128.9	136.5●	-0.1	8.91

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	44.16	47.24e	-0.15	4.40
Far East	27.50	29.41s	-0.03	0.21
Nth American	27.38	28.28e	-0.13	0.71
Global	43.82	46.62	+0.04	0.74
European	42.66	45.28	-0.23	1.18
Japan	83.28	89.08●	-0.01	0.01
Strategic Opp	50.86	54.52	-0.17	1.38
Do Acc	46.48	49.22c	..	3.18
Intl Currency	43.52	45.61●	+0.25	6.00

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 01-626 0566 01-629 6263

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	408.4	436.9●	+1.5	3.10
European S S	52.37	56.83	+0.15	2.91
Far East S S	50.84	54.25	+0.12	0.88
Gold Gen S S	54.20	57.84	-1.17	0.88
Income	348.5	371.9●	-0.8	5.27
Intl Sp Sits	49.92	53.27	+0.17	1.92
Nth Amer	246.4	262.9	-0.9	2.17

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 01-606 0708

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Portfolio	48.18	51.54	-0.07	3.50

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Investment	443.45		..	5.00
Fixed Int	140.3		..	10.18
Deposit	100.0		..	10.00

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	417.72	●	..	5.29
Acc	213.2855		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	11.50

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6922

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Man Recvmt	23.07	24.41●	..	..
SC Special Sits	67.87	71.93	..	0.39

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	19.65	20.92	-0.11	0.52
Asia Gth	22.28	23.70	-0.09	0.66
Dragon Gth	24.28	25.83	-0.03	1.71
Equity Hi Inc	57.71	60.91	+0.08	5.11

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Acc	178.7	190.1●	-0.4	3.89
Do Inc	145.6	154.9●	-0.2	3.89
Higher Inc Acc	332.9	354.2●	-0.1	4.82
Do Inc	246.0	261.7●	-0.1	4.88
Gilts & Fxd Acc	114.2	120.0	+0.1	8.97
Do Inc	82.12	86.31	+0.12	8.87
N Amer Acc	114.6	122.0●	-0.8	0.15
Far East Acc	202.1	215.0●	..	0.05
Euro Tst Acc	143.6	152.8●	-0.5	0.11
Gen Tst	256.9	273.3●	-0.3	3.86
Brit Exceed	40.29	42.87c	-0.13	3.29
Br Fortnts Inc	49.15	52.29●	+0.01	6.23
Do Acc	50.72	53.96●	+0.01	6.23

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
US Smlr Co	65.65	70.21●	..	0.62
UK Inc Fd	91.32	97.67●	..	4.46
Far East Fd	84.61	90.49	..	0.00
Overseas Inc	62.40	66.74	..	4.27
Fxd Interest	53.92	57.13	..	9.74
Natural Res Fd	57.14	61.11	..	1.97
European Inc	65.64	70.29	..	2.09
Financials Fd	46.73	49.58	..	2.37
Intl Tech Fd	96.8	103.0●	..	0.76
UK Gth	68.02	72.74	..	2.16
US Major	46.82	49.57●	..	0.86

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balan Gth Acc	67.61	71.93●	+0.40	1.20
Do Inc	65.45	69.63●	+0.38	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	29.82	31.73●	-0.01	5.70
Do Inc	27.38	29.13●	-0.01	5.70
Inc Gth Acc	57.30	60.96	+0.06	3.50
Do Inc	49.10	52.24	+0.06	3.50
Serv Co Acc	69.30	73.62c	+0.49	1.00
Do Inc	67.76	72.09c	+0.48	1.00
Amer Gth Acc	23.86	25.39	+0.02	0.50
Do Inc	23.61	25.12	+0.02	0.50
Euro Gth Acc	17.17	18.27	-0.23	0.20
Do Inc	16.98	18.07	-0.23	0.20

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	107.5	113.9	+0.1	0.83
Amer Eqty Inc	27.74	29.45c	-0.04	5.43
Amer Spec Sit	52.59	55.88	-0.21	0.69
Australia	26.97	28.66●	+0.22	1.73
European	62.73	66.74●	+0.09	..
European Inc	21.56	23.00	-0.08	4.12

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income Tsts				
Extra Inc	62.10	66.42c	+0.48	6.02
Fxd Interest	28.94	30.96●	+0.34	7.94
High Income	31.12	33.28s	+0.49	5.49
Income	101.8	108.8	+0.35	3.69
Ins Fxd Int	23.75	25.19●	+0.03	7.15
International Tsts				
Commod Shrs	58.49	62.55	-1.93	0.00
Frontier Mkts	25.77	27.42	-0.04	0.65
Global	155.8	166.0c	-0.20	0.68
Do Dist	147.8	157.5c	-0.19	0.66
Glob Inc/Gth	70.14	74.88●	-0.03	3.68
Gold Share	13.96	14.97	-0.07	2.00
Intl Sel Opps	109.7	117.3	-0.47	1.28
Oil & Energy	45.48	48.64	..	2.13
W'wide Recov	90.42	96.70	-0.71	1.45
Overseas Tsts				
American	67.56	71.99	+0.04	1.19
Amer Sel Opp	27.80	29.54	+0.01	0.47
Australian	14.98	15.24	-0.08	1.77
European	48.25	51.35	+0.18	1.07
Euro Sel Opp	60.62	64.61	-0.57	0.62
Far East	125.8	133.9●	-0.14	0.14
Hedged Amer	33.41	35.48	+0.16	0.59
Hong Kong	32.25	34.40	+0.19	2.81
Japan	128.5	136.6	+0.16	0.00
Japan S/Opp	66.62	70.89c	+0.18	0.00
Pacific Gth	49.42	52.60	+0.55	0.91

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing:01-588 0626

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Gth	91.30	97.22	-0.85	1.07
American Gth	60.33	64.18	-0.48	0.74
American Inc	61.68	65.61●	-0.24	4.59
European Gth	49.45	52.60s	+0.19	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	46.36	49.31	-1.02	0.59
Japan Gth	64.71	68.84s	+0.40	..
Pacific Inc	86.95	92.51	+0.19	3.05
Pacific Strat	44.50	47.34	-0.17	0.41
UK Prog Inc	71.43	75.98	-0.25	4.84
UK Spec Opps	150.6	160.2	-1.24	1.31
Gt British	38.73	41.20	-0.22	3.19
UK Sml Co	38.06	40.48s	-0.12	1.50

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 9903

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gt/Fxd Interest	114.4	118.9	+0.1	9.35
Gth Equity	252.3	268.9	-0.4	2.80
Guardhill	329.0	340.9	-0.2	3.21
Income Tst	100.7	108.5	..	4.43
Intl Tst	111.4	117.6●	..	0.37
N American	127.5	134.9●	+0.1	1.45
Pacific	264.2	279.5●	+1.4	0.00
Prop Share	362.4	383.5	-2.1	1.99
Smaller Co	282.1	300.1●	-0.3	1.60

ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
3, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT Tel: 01-638 2433 Dealing: 01-638 2831

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital Gth Inc	77.59	78.57	..	3.17
Do Acc	84.33	90.20	..	0.00

The prices in this section refer to Tuesday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

THIRD MARKET

1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
114	63	ASB Barnett	78	83	..	..	..	..
36	15	Aberdeen Pet	15	18	..	..	..	..
44	13	Amercoser	11	14	..	..	..	..
85	56	Anderson Res	54	57	..	..	..	..
105	57	Beckenham	93	98	..	2.3	2.4	28.2
220	152	Broadcast	181	189	-4	..	..	21.8
145	105	Chelsea Art	100	110	-3	1.3	1.2	12.5
63	28	Chemex Intl	55	60 r	..	..	..	..
105	65	Comac	65	75	..	..	..	7.9
180	120	Crown Eye	140	150	..	..	..	16.7
16	5½	Eglinton	6	7½	+½	..	..	..
143	72	Far E Res	70	80	-2	..	..	..
90	76	Hillclare	78	83	..	..	..	13.5
41	20	Hoscroft	27	29 r	..	..	..	27.7
31	13	Ind Cosms	15	18	-1	..	..	..
95	41	Kemp (PE)	42	47	..	2.0	4.4	8.4
98	58	LGW	94	99	..	..	..	22.8
103	66	Leading Lsr	100	103	..	1.7	1.7	20.8
65	12	Lynx Tech	10	14	..	..	..	4.0
147	89	Madisons	98	103	..	..	..	..
36	11	Norton Gp	10	11½ r	..	..	..	..
50	40	Perkins Optical	38	42	..	..	..	11.1
63	60	Ramsmaster	60	62	..	..	..	..
237	150	Royal Sovereign	213	223 ●	..	8.4	2.9	13.5
118	86	Saxon	98	103 ●	..	1.3	1.3	..
395	200	Takare	295	310	-5	1.3	0.4	42.1
135	108	UPL	108	118	..	3.8	3.4	15.1
182	129	Uni Group	135	150	-2	0.7	4.7	8.1

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 76.0 (day's range 76.0-76.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for October 26

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7525-1.7605	1.7590-1.7600	0.53-0.49pr	1.54-1.49pr
Montrl	2.1030-2.1126	2.1079-2.1117	0.34-0.18pr	0.65-0.46pr
Amstrdm	3.5190-3.5412	3.5190-3.5228	2⅛-1⅞pr	6⅛-5⅞pr
Brussels	65.33-65.92	65.33-65.54	31-20pr	86-75pr
Copnhgn	12.0516-12.1088	12.0516-12.0629	4⅝-3⅝pr	12⅛-11pr
Dublin	1.1675-1.1737	1.1682-1.1692	50-44pr	142-132pr
Frankft	3.1210-3.1414	3.1210-3.1245	2-1⅞pr	5⅞-5⅝pr
Lisbon	259.17-260.29	259.17-260.20	8-15ds	30-130ds
Madrid	206.48-207.36	206.48-206.95	20-4pr	31-10pr
Milan	2324.30-2339.17	2324.30-2327.38	3-1pr	6-3pr
Oslo	11.6514-11.7011	11.6514-11.6668	⅛-1ds	1⅝-2⅜ds
Paris	10.6678-10.7341	10.6678-10.6892	4-3⅝pr	10⅝-9⅝pr
Stckhlm	10.8838-10.9173	10.8838-10.8935	1⅝-1⅜pr	5⅛-4⅞pr
Tokyo	221.23-222.52	221.23-221.53	1⅞-1⅝pr	4⅞-4⅝pr
Vienna	21.96-22.09	21.97-22.01	12⅝-11pr	36⅛-32⅞pr
Zurich	2.6462-2.6644	2.6462-2.6494	2-1⅞pr	5⅞-5⅝pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	26.2669-26.4352
Australia dollar	2.1328-2.1357
Bahrain dinar	0.6595-0.6635
Brazil cruzado*	778.17-781.90
Cyprus pound	0.8130-0.8230
Finland marka	7.4215-7.4675
Greece drachma	257.0-259.0
Hong Kong dollar	13.741-13.751
India rupee	25.99-26.19
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4900-0.4940
Malaysia ringgit	4.6983-4.7028
Mexico peso	3920-4020
New Zealand dollar	2.8025-2.8957
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.56-6.60
Singapore dollar	3.5191-3.5229
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0426-7.1896
S Africa rand (com)	4.3243-4.3321
U A E dirham	6.4225-6.4625

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5035-1.5050	Denmark	6.8495-6.8545	Italy	1322.0-1323.0
Singapore	1.9995-2.0005	W Germany	1.7765-1.7775	Belgium (Com)	37.22-37.25
Malaysia	2.6695-2.6700	Switzerland	1.5063-1.5070	Hong Kong	7.8075-7.8085
Australia	1.2118-1.2132	Netherlands	2.0025-2.0040	Portugal	147.20-147.70
Canada	1.1985-1.1995	France	6.0650-6.0700	Spain	117.40-117.60
Sweden	6.1875-6.1925	Japan	125.80-125.90	Austria	12.50-12.52
Norway	6.6230-6.6280				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 12
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11⅞ Low 7 Week fixed: 11⅞
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth — 11$^{11}_{16}$ 3 mth — 11$^{23}_{32}$
Selling: 2 mth — 11$^{9}_{16}$ 3 mth — 11$^{21}_{32}$
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 11⅝-11$^{15}_{32}$
2 mth: 11⅞-11$^{11}_{16}$ 3 mth: 11⅞-11$^{11}_{16}$ 6 mth 11$^{15}_{32}$-⅞
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12⅜
2 mth: 12⅜ 3 mth: 12⅜ 6 mth 12⅜
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 11 close 10⅞
1 week: 11⅞-11⅞ 1 mth: 11⅞-11⅞ 3 mth: 12$^{3}_{16}$-$^{1}_{16}$
6 mth: 12$^{3}_{16}$-$^{1}_{16}$ 9 mth: 12-11$^{15}_{16}$ 12 mth: 12-11⅞
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 11⅞ 7 day: 11⅞ 1 mth: 11⅞
3 mth: 12$^{1}_{16}$ 6 mth: 12$^{1}_{16}$ 12 mth: 11⅞
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 12⅛-12 2 mth: 12⅛-12 3 mth: 12⅛-12
6 mth: 12⅛-12 9 mth: 12⅛-11⅞ 12 mth: 12$^{1}_{16}$-11⅞
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 11$^{13}_{16}$-11⅞
3 mth: 12⅛-12 6 mth: 12⅛-12 12 mth 11$^{13}_{16}$-11⅞
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.30-8.25
3 mth: 8.60-8.55 6 mth: 8.65-8.65 12 mth 8.80-8.75

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 31, 1988. Agreed rates Sept 26, 1988 to Oct 25, 1988. Scheme I: 12.27 per cent. Schemes II & III: 12.72 per cent. Reference rate July 30, 1988 to August 31, 1988. Scheme IV & V: 11.364 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8$^{3}_{16}$-7$^{15}_{16}$	8$^{5}_{16}$-8$^{3}_{16}$	8⅝-8½	8⅞-8¾
Call: 8⅛-7⅞				
Deutschemark:	4⅝-4⅜	4$^{13}_{16}$-$^{11}_{16}$	4-4⅞	5-4⅞
Call: 4⅛-3⅞				
French Franc:	7⅝-7⅜	8$^{1}_{16}$-7$^{15}_{16}$	8$^{5}_{16}$-8$^{3}_{16}$	8⅝-8⅜
Call: 7½-6⅞				
Swiss Franc:	3⅞-3⅝	3⅞-3⅝	3⅞-3⅝	3⅞-3¾
Call: 3-2				
Yen:	4⅛-4	4$^{7}_{16}$-4$^{5}_{16}$	4⅝-4½	4$^{9}_{16}$-4$^{7}_{16}$
Call: 3⅛-2⅞				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $407.25-407.75 Close: $406.75-407.25
High: $408.50-409.00 Low: $406.75-407.25

COINS: **Per coin (Ex VAT)**
Britannia: $419.00-424.00 (£238.00-241.00)
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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 13657		
Dec 88	185.80	185.20	185.20	185.30	1234
Mar 89	NT 187.30				0
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 46792		
Dec 88	87.77	87.86	87.77	87.81	13810
Mar 89	88.35	88.44	88.35	88.40	2918
Jun 89	88.95	89.02	88.94	88.98	516
Sep 89	89.22	89.26	89.22	89.24	240
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 32634		
Dec 88	91.25	91.36	91.24	91.30	6980
Mar 89	91.41	91.47	91.38	91.44	1524
Jun 89	91.39	91.36	91.30	91.34	426
Sep 89	91.15	91.20	91.15	91.18	108

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 13535		
Dec 88	89-09	90-00	89-08	89-14	14006
Mar 89	NT 89-29		0		
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 33134		
Dec 88	96-23	96-29	96-22	96-24	9062
Mar 89	NT 97-07		0		
Jun 89	NT				0
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 819		
Dec 88	106.70	107.00	106.56	107.00	712
Mar 89	105.80	105.93	105.75	106.07	25
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 7847		
Dec 88	97.11	97.81	97.08	97.29	4249
Mar 89	96.49	96.57	96.48	96.58	255

COMMODITIES

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Crude oil prices improved in Far East and European trading because of concerns about Mogas (rather than crude) stocks in the USA. The gains were eroded later in the day as gasoline prices on the Nymex softened on profit taking. Products exhibited a similar pattern.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	12.15	+10
15 day Nov	12.15	+05
15 day Dec	12.30	+05
WTI Dec	13.25	
WTI Jan	13.25	

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	+2	183-185	+2
Gasoil EEC	+4	120-122	+4
Non 1H Oct	+4	115-116	+4
Non 1H Nov	+4	117-118	+4
3.5 Fuel Oil	+2	58-59	+2
Naphtha	+2	128-131	+2

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Nov 88 Hi 1441-1429 *Low* Close 1434
Jan 89 Hi 1487-1469 Low Close 1478
Apr 89 Hi 1525-1514 Low Close 1515
Jul 89 Hi 1315-1315 Low Close 1315
Vol 266 lots Open interest 3216
Dry cargo index 1384.0 +1.0 on 25/10/88

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL G W Joynson
Nov 116.75-16.25
Dec 118.00-17.75
Jan 118.75-18.50
Feb 118.25-18.00
Mar 114.25-14.00
Apr 112.75-12.00
May 112.75-12.00
Vol 9562

BRENT G W Joynson
Dec 12.36-12.33
Jan 12.53-12.51
Vol 3603

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	53.5	49.0
Feb	63.5	62.5
Apr	95.5	95.8
May	107.0	106.8

Vol 137

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
Dec 794-792 Sep 825-817
Mar 790-788 Dec 865-869
May 796-794 Mar 880-870
Jul 810-805 Vol 7917

COFFEE G W Joynson
Nov 1121-1120 Jul 1136-1135
Jan 1131-1130 Sep 1143-1140
Mar 1135-1132 Nov 1139-1120
May 1135-1132 Vol 3442

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 2869
Dec 243.0-41.2 Aug 225.0-24.8
Mar 235.6-35.4 Oct 222.6-22.4
May 229.8-29.6 Dec 220.0-15.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 302
Nv 107.00 Ja 111.10 Mr 114.10
My 117.20 Jn 118.80 Sp 108.35

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 143
Nv 103.85 Ja 106.75 Mr 110.90
My 112.65 Sp 98.25 Nv 102.15

SOYABEAN
Dec 166.0-66.5 Jan 161.3-60.8
Feb 171.5-70.5 Aug 160.0-58.0
Apr 171.5-70.0 Oct 161.0-58.0
Vol 139

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1860.0-1862.0	1657.8-1659.0	585125	Steady
Copper Stand	1700.0-1720.0	1640.0-1650.0	Nil	Quiet
Lead	382.00-386.00	383.50-384.00	30300	Steadier
Zinc Hi Gde	1580.0-1582.0	1460.0-1462.0	33000	Easier
Silver Large†	625.00-626.00	638.00-640.00	12	Quiet
Silver Small†	625.00-626.00	638.00-640.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1480.0-1481.0	1800.0-1385.0	11	Quiet
Aluminium HI*	2470.0-2480.0	2315.0-2318.0	180650	Steady
Nickel*	11600-11700	10650-10700	6582	Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz) * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	94.8	95.0
Feb	92.8	92.8
Apr	89.0	88.5
Jun	99.5	99.5

Live Cattle Contract

Oct	unq	unq
Nov	115.0	118.0
Jan	117.8	117.0

Vol Pig 18 Cattle 0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on October 26

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	72.77	152.55	107.34
GB (+/-)	-1.89	+16.30	-0.58
Eng/Wal (%)	-14.7	-13.2	-3.4
Eng/Wal (p)	72.78	153.04	105.64
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-1.10	+16.75	-1.00
Scotland (%)	+5.0	+24.0	-3.7
Scotland (p)	74.90	150.58	109.97
Scotland (+/-)	+1.00	+14.41	+4.00

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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The Queen officially opened the rebuilt Moorfields Eye Hospital yesterday. **Pat Blair** reports on its work

Doorway to the seeing world

When the Queen performed the official opening yesterday of the new £15 million building and renovations to the world-renowned Moorfield's Eye Hospital in London, it was a member of the cleaning staff who had the honour of presenting her with a bouquet.

That gesture was a mark of recognition and gratitude by the management to those who had helped keep the hospital clean, usable and open over the past six and a half years while it was gutted and rebuilt inside its 1899 shell. Francis Cumberlege, chairman of the board of governors, is proud of the fact that staff at all levels worked through the disruption to keep the service going.

Thought to have the largest outpatients' department in the country, Moorfields, with an annual Department of Health budget of £15 million, saw 164,992 such patients last year. Its accident and emergency department also dealt with more than 78,000 people and more than 11,000 were admitted for treatment.

The hospital's close links with the Institute of Ophthalmology, both in physical proximity and clinical and research co-operation, make the two organizations seem almost inseparable. Many, if not most, of the hospital's medical, nursing and technical staff are closely involved in research projects initiated in both hospital and institute.

Developments since 1805 when the hospital was set up as the London Dispensary for Curing Diseases of the Eye and Ear — and more especially within the past few years — have changed the face of ophthalmic medicine. Peter Fells, the consultant surgeon who is chairman of the hospital's medical committee, points out that the average length of stay for in-patients is now just over three days. "When I came here 20 years ago, it was 12 days."

Transplant surgery has come into being; Moorfields carries out about a third of approximately 500 corneal transplants in Britain every year. It runs an eye bank, under Mr Arthur Steele, although there are never enough donors to perform all the transplants needed. "People should talk about this," Mr Steele, a consultant ophthalmologist, says. "They should let their relatives and executors know they would like to donate their eyes."

Laser operations; cryosurgery (freezing techniques); controlled paralysis (injecting the botulinus toxin into tiny eye muscles to correct disorders); operations on premature babies are among the developments in use at Moorfields. Many techniques have been pioneered at other centres — as staff are quick to note — but Moorfields has also made valuable contributions to research.

The seat belt law has reduced the need for surgery

There have been changes as a result of legislation. A number of the doctors point out that the introduction of the law on wearing car seat belts has considerably reduced the surgery needed

Under the eye of the matron, *Roslyn Emblin*, nurses must have a specialist qualification in ophthalmic nursing before they can become permanent members of staff. "Some are trained elsewhere, the majority we train ourselves," Miss Emblin says.

Like most inner-London hospitals, Moorfields has difficulties in attracting staff in all disciplines, including nurses where a fifth of the 276 posts are usually unfilled, especially among theatre nurses. It is nevertheless regarded by staff as a special place. "Everyone has a great deal of commitment to the hospital — from porters and domestic staff to the consultants," Miss Emblin says.

Moorfields' dispensary is familiar to most patients. The pharmacy department hands out almost three quarters of a million items to more than 75,000 patients a year, a number that is expected to top 100,000 with the merger of the Holborn and City Road sites.

Its pharmacists handle worldwide drug-information inquiries and use the products from what is the world's largest hospital ophthalmic manufacturing unit. There, more than a million items a year — eye drops, lotions, ointments and injectible preparations — are manufactured, 90 per cent destined to be used at Moorfields. The rest are either sold to health authorities or overseas.

Another department that has grown in recent years is the visual assessment department, which 30 years ago simply provided one or two refractionists and a small dispensing service. It is now staffed by five full-time optometrists and dispensing opticians and research staff.

Janet Silver, the optometrist in charge, has taken to international recognition the low-vision clinic the department runs. *It serves those* people who are visually handicapped — and develops and evaluates devices and techniques to aid the visually impaired. With the growing number of elderly people, that service is also likely to expand.

Under assessment: Janet Silver, the head optometrist at Moorfields, testing a patient's sight

Most blindness is avoidable

Ten years ago, it was estimated that there were 28 *million blind people in the* world; now the estimate is 40 million, and rising. Yet four fifths of that blindness is avoidable and could be cured or prevented, *Pat Blair writes*.

Worldwide, the main blinding diseases are cataract, tropical ulcer (as a result of malnutrition), trachoma and river blindness. The first three are curable, given the means. Surgeons can deal with cataracts; the correct food will combat nutritional blindness and fresh running water will counteract trachoma.

With the aim of tackling blindess at a community level, and with the initiative of Professor Barrie Jones, the Institute of Ophthalmology set up a department of preventive ophthalmology in 1980. It is now the International Centre for Eye Health. One of its main activities has been a six-month course in community eye health each year, training workers from the Third World to promote eye health and fight blindness at home.

Most teaching is by the department's staff, but lecturers are invited from other departments, Moorfields hospital, and other centres in Britain and Europe.

Staff and research associates also go overseas to help in collaborative studies. These have involved such disparate regions and conditions as studying the risk factors for cataract in India, looking at child blindess in Africa, and surveying blindness and eye disease in The Gambia.

Until about five years ago, there was no clue to the clinical management of river blindness. Vector control, while effective, was too expensive. Recent studies have shown that a drug, Ivermectin, may be able to control the disease; one tablet a year may be the answer, although that has to be proved. Staff from the institute and the hospital have been active in the drug trials in Togo and Sudan.

Crossing the world, Moorfields is involved in research into sickle cell disease, an inherited disorder mainly found among black people. For about seven years, a team has gone out to Jamaica to survey children with and without the disease, following the evolution of the disorder in the hope of discovering why some go blind. Such a study may never be done again, because of the expense.

The links between Moorfields' pharmacists and the institute have also opened the way for products and expertise to reach charities and countries who would otherwise be unable to treat patients

Computer that helps track a family trait

Genetic research has in recent years increasingly attracted the attention of scientists in many branches of medicine, of which ophthalmology is one, *Pat Blair writes*.

In this respect, Moorfields has an invaluable resource. It now holds computer details of about 3,000 families, in an effort to trace the extent of some genetically determined eye diseases. Although half the registered families actually have only one member with such a disease, about 20,000 people in the UK have an inherited eye disorder.

Many suffer from retinitis pigmentosa, a term covering up to 200 disorders, which is characterized by the eye's failure to adapt to dark conditions. There is a progressive loss of vision which can lead to blindness in some people.

On the computer register, all known relatives of the families, which can range up to 120 members, are documented. Moorfields was able to build up such a data base as a result of having such a large "pool" of patients.

Researchers from the hospital and other centres are using the information to try to identify the cells responsible for causing the condition, as a step towards trying to prevent it or seek a cure.

Thus, if a patient attending the hospital or another research centre is found to have a particular form of the disease, and if it is felt more research would be helpful, Moorfields can write to families *in which the condition* occurs and seek their help.

From the huge family pedigrees it has also been possible to show, in one particular disease, that the number of cases world-wide stem from four or five families of British origin. That disease can now be found in two families in South Africa, one in Australia, two in Canada and one in the United States, all connected to the Moorfields' data.

Similarly, the gene for another form of retinitis pigmentosa was first identified by scientists in Edinburgh, using Moorfields' family data base to trace about 30 families, more than three-quarters of the world total, in which the condition occurred.

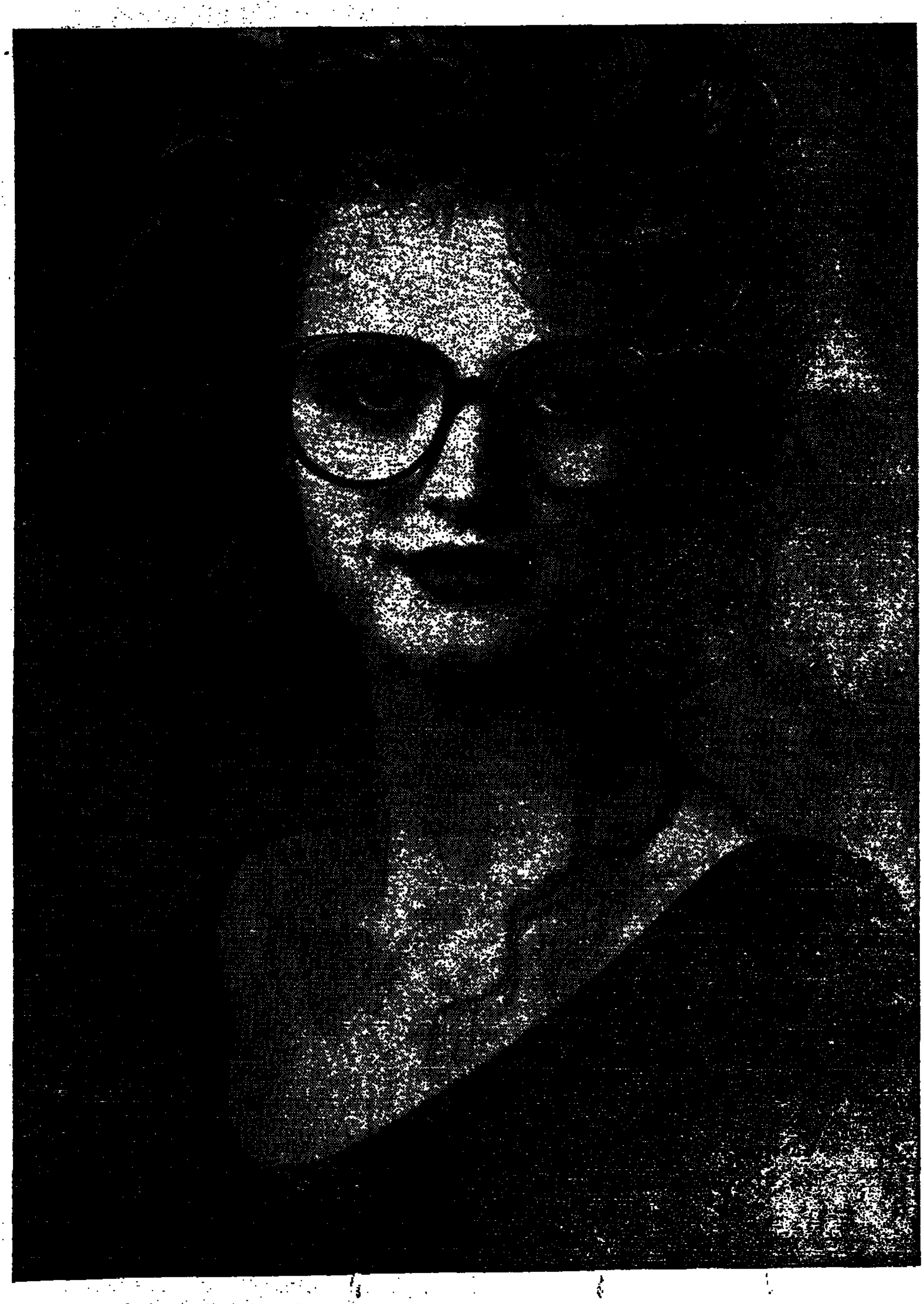
In yet another piece of research, three families — in Cumbria, Grimsby and north London — have been surveyed by a Moorfields team taking with them photographic and colour-vision testing equipment. The team has taken blood samples from every family member. In one case, each member seen has agreed to donate their eyes at death, so that further answers can be sought by the researchers.

While keeping individual patient's details confidential, Moorfields regards the information it holds not just as its own or a national resource, but an international one, available to any researcher in the world.

● It has been possible to show, in one disease, that the cases worldwide stem from families of British origin ●

Once the gene responsible for a blinding disease can be identified, it can also mean that, although the disorder may not yet be curable, if a family wishes to use Moorfields' genetic counselling service, it can be offered a fair *chance of preventing further* affected members being born to that family. A woman may opt for a termination, for example, if the genetic test in the tenth or twelfth week of pregnancy shows that the baby is likely to develop the disease.

Like much of Moorfields' work, this is a service that, three years ago, was not available but that is now being sought by more families with inherited eye disorders. It is yet another area where the medical advances are fast creating new demands.



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Treatment explained: a young patient with Marie Restori, principal physicist, in the ultrasound department at Moorfields

Revolution through a beam

Lasers have been used in ophthalmology since the late 1960s. However, only within the past decade has laser treatment been proved to benefit people suffering from age-related macular disease, by far the commonest cause of blindness in this country.

The disease results in a loss of central vision, so that sufferers are unable to read, drive, see television or recognize friends. It accounts for about 50 per cent of all people registered blind in the western world, and more than 35 per cent of those registered blind in Britain.

In the same period, lasers have proved themselves in the treatment of those with eye damage as a result of diabetes, which can happen if the condition is undiagnosed or allowed to go untreated. Diabetes is the commonest cause of blindness in middle life, the 35 to 55 age group. Thus, within 10 years, previously unavailable treatment has been brought within reach for two of the diseases that affect thousands of people.

"Laser treatment was proved, by controlled trials, to be effective in diabetes about 1980 and in age-related macular disease in 1983," said Alan Bird, professor of clinical ophthalmology at the institute and an honorary consultant at Moorfields.

Moorfields was one of three centres undertaking the trials in connection with age-related macular disease. While they were continuing, patients' expectations of receiving laser treatment were relatively low, as the method had not been established as effective. As soon as the results were published, demand grew — although the treatment it is not suitable for everyone with the disease. It has since become clear that there is a risk of it recurring and that more research is needed.

Treatment, especially when it has such a wide application, could not be switched on instantaneously. "It has been a major problem in ophthalmology to generate the service for the population," says Professor Bird. "We have been struggling over the last decade — trying to get it established, trying to get the expertise, the machinery, the clinical organization and so on, to start treating these disorders."

For most lasers, the colour of the beam is the key to the operation. They create heat by their absorption by pigment; for example something red would be absorbed very quickly by a blue laser, something green by a red laser. The pigment absorbing the colour is essential to a laser's function.

There has been a further development, in the past five years, with the short-pulsed or cue-switch laser. It has extremely high energy density and at its point of focus, the energy density is so huge it can tear molecules apart. It is therefore possible to start to disrupt structures that are otherwise transparent. "This has been particularly valuable in treating the membranes that form after cataract extraction," Professor Bird says.

Normally, new equipment takes time to be introduced. However, the new laser's advantages quickly became apparent to clinicians. "In the first year it was here, well over 1,000 patients were treated. The speed with which it was introduced to clinical practice was extraordinary. The potential application surprised everyone. It just took off.

"We have had to train people and create clinics that never existed before; import lasers; look after laser safety and maintenance," he says.

"It was a very big investment by the hospital, in terms of personnel, machinery and engineering. It has been very exciting to be working in the speciality," he says.

On some days, the six lasers in the clinics and outpatients' department are all working full pelt, with users queueing for them.

At the moment, lasers are mainly used for burning and then disrupting. Ultra-violet lasers are now being developed as cutting instruments. "An ultra-violet laser will make an incision much finer than any incision with a knife," Professor Bird says. "There is the possibility that lasers may be used in that way." If laser cutting could be shown to be more accurate, it could be that ultimately corneal grafts could be cut out by laser.

Ultra-violet lasers may also one day be used for smoothing uneven eye surfaces, occurring in some corneal diseases or as a result of certain infections. Potentially, anyone whose poor vision is due to an irregular surface may be able to be helped that way. So far, that has only been carried out experimentally. The laser revolution has only just begun.

Pat Blair

Mr Rolf Blach preparing a patient for laser treatment

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Everyone should have their eyes tested regularly, says **David Loshak**, who explains who and exactly what is involved

It is easy to take the eyes for granted. Those who enjoy good vision hardly ever give them a thought. Even people who wear glasses often treat them badly, allowing them to get dirty, scratched or otherwise damaged, thus possibly compromising visual function and storing up problems for the future. Contact lens wearers can be remarkably cavalier about maintaining the condition of their lenses and the health of their eyes.

Everyone should attend regularly for eye examinations; how often depends on the individual. Their importance is plain — one need only consider the number of drivers there are on the roads. There is evidence that many motorists have uncorrected visual defects.

Since the introduction of the Health and Medicines Bill last year, there has been growing concern about its provision for sight test charges, which has been voted down by the House of Lords but could be reintroduced when the Bill returns to the Commons.

Ministers claim that charges would not significantly deter people from having regular checks. Critics of the proposal, on both sides of the Commons, find that hard to accept.

Whatever the legislative outcome, it remains true that standards of eye care in Britain are among the highest in the world. However, even with free eye tests, many people remain unaware how valuable examinations can be in preventing the worst affects of eye problems.

Since 1985, there have been many changes in arrangements for obtaining eye care. It has not been made easy for the public to identify the most reputable practitioners and dispensers of glasses.

Optometrists, or ophthalmic opticians, are trained in eye examination and qualified to recognize and refer for specialist treatment anyone suspected of ocular or systemic disease in the eye. Nearly 500,000 people a year — one in 20 of those tested — are referred for further medical attention.

Optometrists, registered with the General Optical Council which exists to maintain high standards, are qualified to dispense glasses and, in some cases, contact lenses.

Ophthalmic medical practitioners are doctors with a recognized ophthalmic qualification to give sight tests and prescribe corrective spectacles or contact lenses.

Dispensing opticians are trained in interpreting prescriptions and providing glasses to meet the prescription. They cannot give eye tests.

An eye examination begins from the moment you walk into the practitioner's room. The skilled optometrist can learn a lot from the way you move and hold your head.

It is important to provide the fullest information. You may be coming in because of eye injury, poor vision or "eyestrain" headaches, but your general state of health is relevant, including medicines taken, family history, work and leisure activities and whether or not you drive.

The eyes will be checked internally and externally, using *an ophthalmoscope. That* check can not only detect eye disease, but disease elsewhere in the body — raised blood pressure, for instance.

Small changes at the back of the eye can indicate the beginning of diabetes, which can have severe effects on vision; caught early enough, its worst effects can be reduced. Glaucoma, in which there is a slow build-up of pressure inside the eyeball which eventually destroys the visual nerve fibres, can also be controlled if detected early.

The eye test establishes the standards of sight. It includes "refraction", which indicates whether the eyes are focusing *normally, as well as a check of* the muscles which control eye movement and enable them to work as a pair. If a defect is found in the muscles, optometrists can prescribe exercises, called orthoptics, or other simple methods of treatment.

The usual next step is to ascertain whether different lenses are needed for near vision tasks, such as reading or writing. Colour vision may also be checked.

That can be especially important for young people *contemplating careers in which* good colour vision is essential — about 8 per cent of men (though only 1 per cent of women) are colour deficient.

For contact lenses, aftercare is essential for long-term success. Regular checks are even more important, as the lens is actually in the eye.

Optometrists will also advise on the supply of low vision aids, as well as special safety lenses, frames and goggles for industry, and office and domestic lighting. There are all kinds of special glasses, too, such as bifocals, trifocals, reading glasses, optical sunglasses and even glasses which do not reflect strong light (for television personalities.

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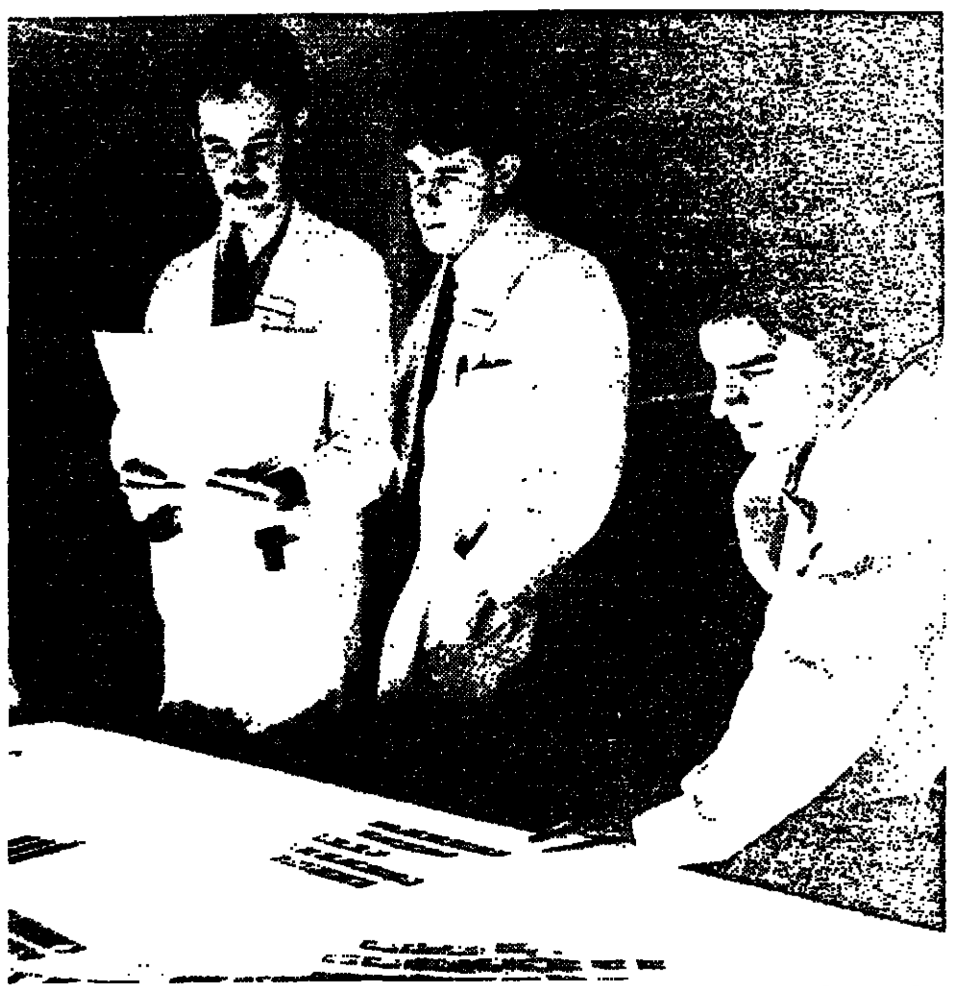

Julian Stevens, Tony Evans and Kim Hakin, ophthalmic registrars, viewing the records

Researchers with a target

The fact that hardly anyone can go through life without needing glasses, if only to read comfortably in older age, is an indication of the essential fragility of one of nature's greatest benefactions, the gift of sight, *writes David Loshak.*

The Institute of Ophthalmology, which this year celebrates its 40th anniversary, was established to spearhead research into the causes and cure of blinding diseases.

However, big challenges remain. Research is more vitally needed than ever. That is placing increasing demands upon the institute. It has therefore embarked on a £9.8 million project to develop a site adjoining Moorfields which will form the finest ophthalmological complex in Europe.

But good buildings and modern facilities are of little use without skilled staff, says Sir Richard Meyjes, chairman of the Special Appeal Campaign.

"It is therefore in people that the institute needs to make its greatest investment. New endowments are required both to provide salaries for young scientists and doctors, and to finance their research," he says.

Through its special appeal, the charity Fight for Sight is offering members of the public, companies and charitable groups the opportunity to support the development of an institute which represents British academic life at its most outward-looking, relevant and enthusiastic.

Sir Richard Meyjes, chairman of the appeal campaign

Institute that belongs to mankind

Rolf Blach, Dean of the Institute of Ophthalmology, explains what it does, and its hopes for the future

The Institute of Ophthalmology is fortunate in being on the threshhold of developments of benefit to mankind. When it is considered that the *institute is concerned with the* understanding of vision, the treatment of eye diseases and the prevention of blindness, those words are not too strong. The preservation of sight to the end of life is a noble aim, both practical and academic.

The functions of the institute are to provide teaching, research and services. These functions are divided among four departments: visual science, concerned with the fundamental nature of vision; pathology, concerned with the study of diseases of the eye; clinical ophthalmology, concerned with the application of science and scientific method to the treatment of eye diseases; and preventive ophthalmology, concerned with the prevention of blindness and, especially, of treatable blindness in the Third World.

The institute helps to train a significant proportion of consultant ophthalmologists in this country. In addition, it is involved in the training of orthoptists, opticians, nurses, doctors, scientists and, not least, occasionally groups of patients.

The course in community eye health, which is supported by the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, the British Council for the Prevention of Blindness, and the World Health Organization among others, is designed to train medical workers in the most efficient delivery of eye care throughout the world. It is hoped to expand teaching activities if sufficient funds are obtained through the spe*cial appeal by the Fight for* Sight charity.

The institute has made enormous contributions to research. Ophthalmology aims not so much to prolong life as to enhance its quality, especially in areas such as genetic disorders and old age. Thus, for example, the lot of the cataract patient has been revolutionized by the development of the lens implant invented by Harold Ridley when he was a consultant at Moorfields and a lecturer at the institute. Here also the study of *senile macular degen*eration is being undertaken with unrivaled intensity. In Africa, the Institute has a large team testing a new treatment for onchocerciasis, or river blindness, a disease responsible for blindness in one *million people.*

The institute provides technological, diagnostic and therapeutic services to thehospital and to other bodies here and abroad. The combination of scientific expertise and vast clinical experience provides an ideal environment for the development of tools, such as ophthalmic lasers and multifocal contact lenses, and the assessment of new drugs.

The institute's plans are ambitious. The University Grants Committee (UGC) has already provided money to move the institute on to one site next to the hospital. In addition it is hoped to build a *new hospital-institute inter*face where scientists and doctors can work together for the benefit of patients, to expand existing facilities and laboratories, and to build a new library and a larger lecture theatre.

Another new concept is an Ophthalmic Technology Research Centre, financed by industry and business, where the development of new instruments and devices will be encouraged for the benefit not only of scientists and doctors but also for those British firms participating in this endeavour.

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David Stevenson stresses the need for technology-based training

The workface gap Britain must fill

The still birth of the Training Commission's plans has thrown into sharper focus the shortcomings of Britain's training methods. The most serious outcome is a lack of people with the right skills to fill a growing number of job vacancies — in some part because of the severe cutbacks in apprenticeships and general training implemented during the recent recession.

Britain is the laggard of Europe in skills training. West Germany. France and Scandinavia have always put emphasis on ensuring a well-trained labour force ready for the future. In Britain the tendency has been to limit training and even shelve it during the trading downturns.

Few can blame managements for reacting with caution when faced with the seemingly insuperable operational problems of severe recession. But skills shortages always follow when an upturn comes. Even more worrying is that a dearth of retraining programmes offers little hope to the long-term unemployed who, with the rapid change in technology. may ultimately become unemployable.

What is to be done? Now that the Government's plans for the Training Commission are no more, industrial self-reliance must come to the fore.

But how can industries achieve the most cost-effective training methods? One answer is to tap modern training technology. which has gathered apace in recent years. Many companies, industrial as well as commercial, have discovered that technology-based training (TBT) has presented them with the opportunity to train and retrain people at a fraction of the cost of conventional methods.

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Among the growing number of TBT users are some of the best-known names in commerce and industry. Coca-Cola-Schweppes has instituted TBT to cross-skill production-line fitters in diagnostic procedures for maximum efficiency.

British Rail has applied it to establish UK-wide operating and safety training standards for its crane operators.

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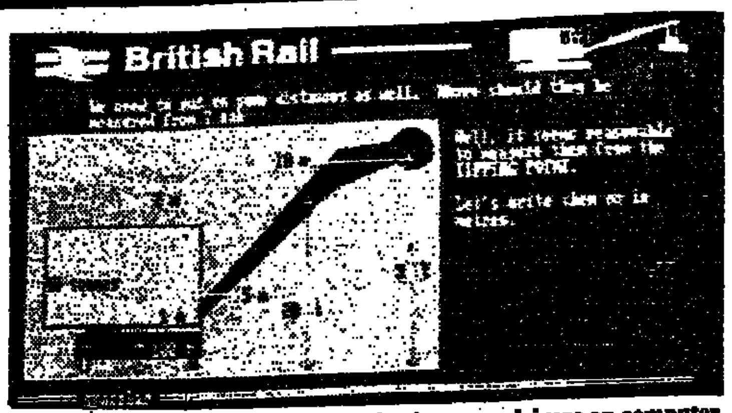
TBT has even penetrated the world of finance, where Guardian Royal Exchange Personal Financial Management has used it to train staff in the Financial Services Act. Such is the efficiency of TBT, Guardian PFM calculates that in comparison to conventional training costs, it will save the company more than £1 million over the next five years.

Top-quality customer service is viewed by industry leaders as one way to gain a marketing edge over competitors. Banks, building societies, insurance companies, the chemicals and computer industries are quickly joining the lengthening number of businesses following this training trend. With a chronic shortage of specialized skills in several sectors of manufacturing, industry and commerce, particularly engineering, maximizing the benefits of TBT is a way of speeding the training process in a cost-effective way.

Is Britain destined to lose still more export and marketing opportunities to overseas competitors through a lack of trained staff for productive capacity? If management is slow to seize the chance to train its workforce for the tasks of tomorrow, it is an outcome we shall deserve.

The author is marketing director, Mentor Interactive Training, Bradford



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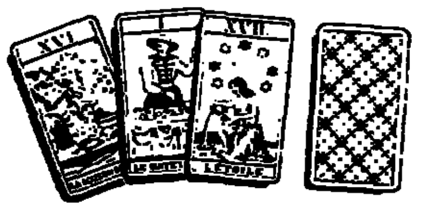

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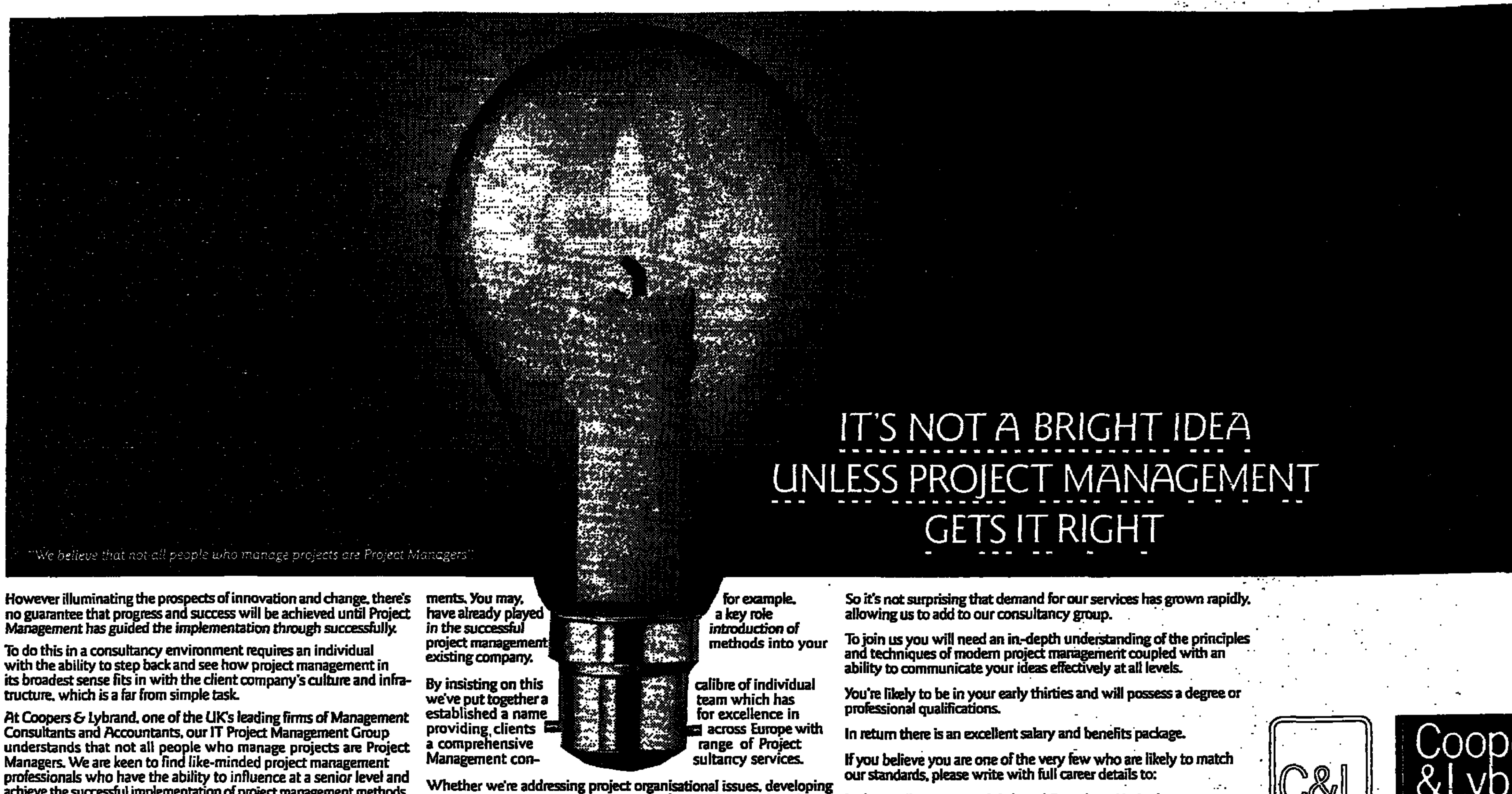
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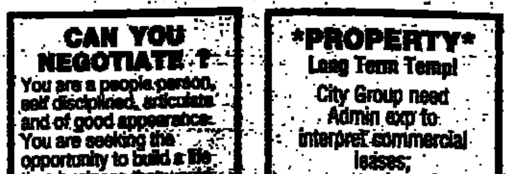

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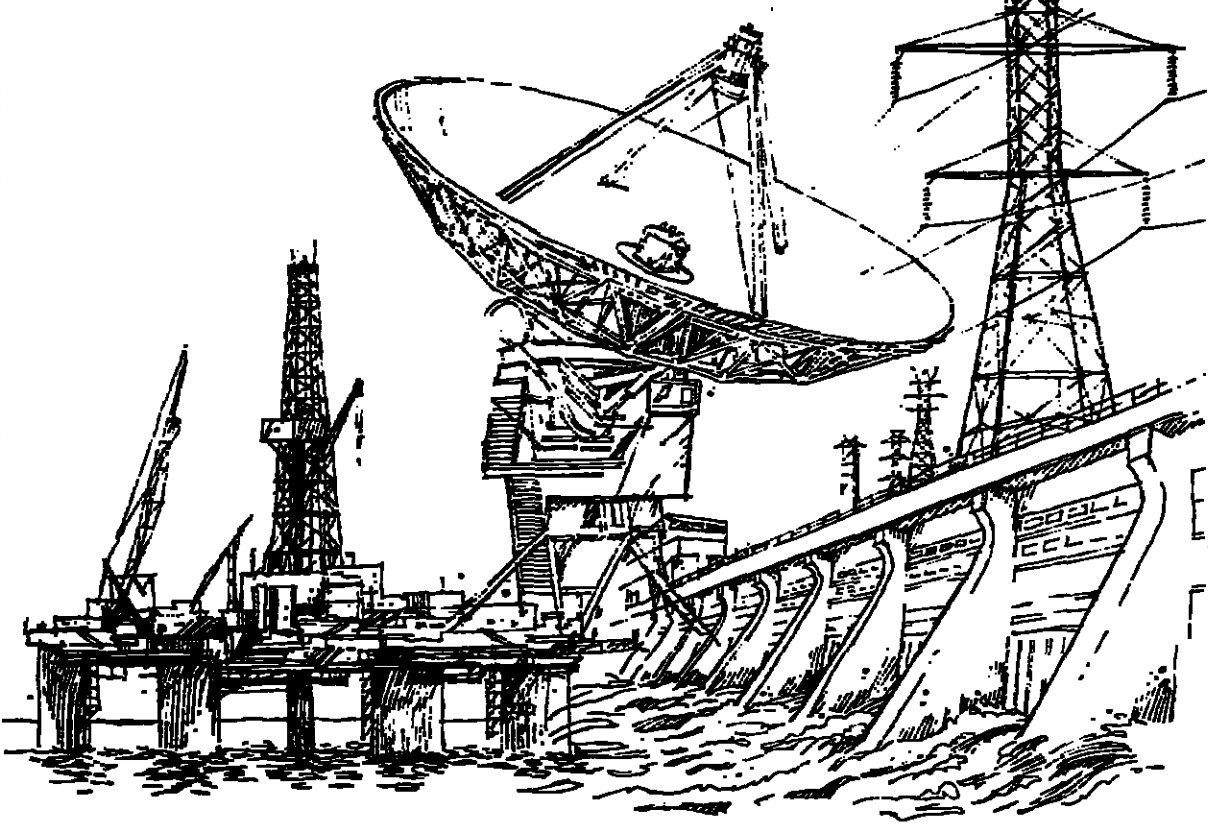

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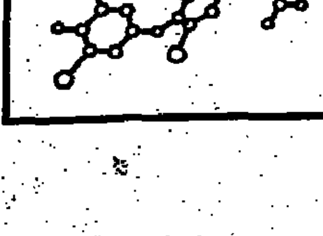

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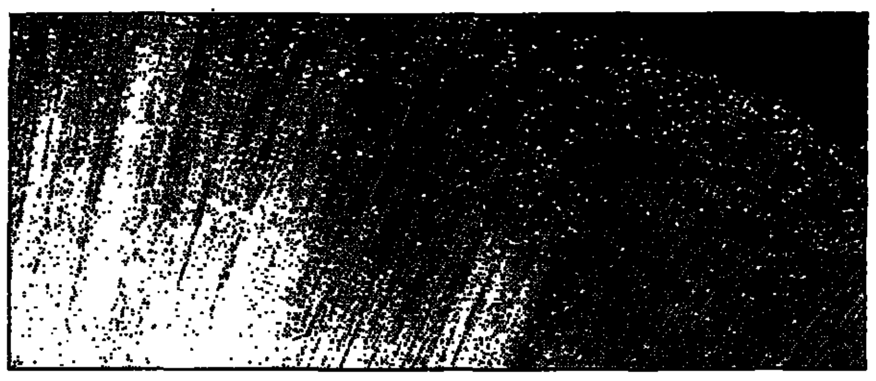

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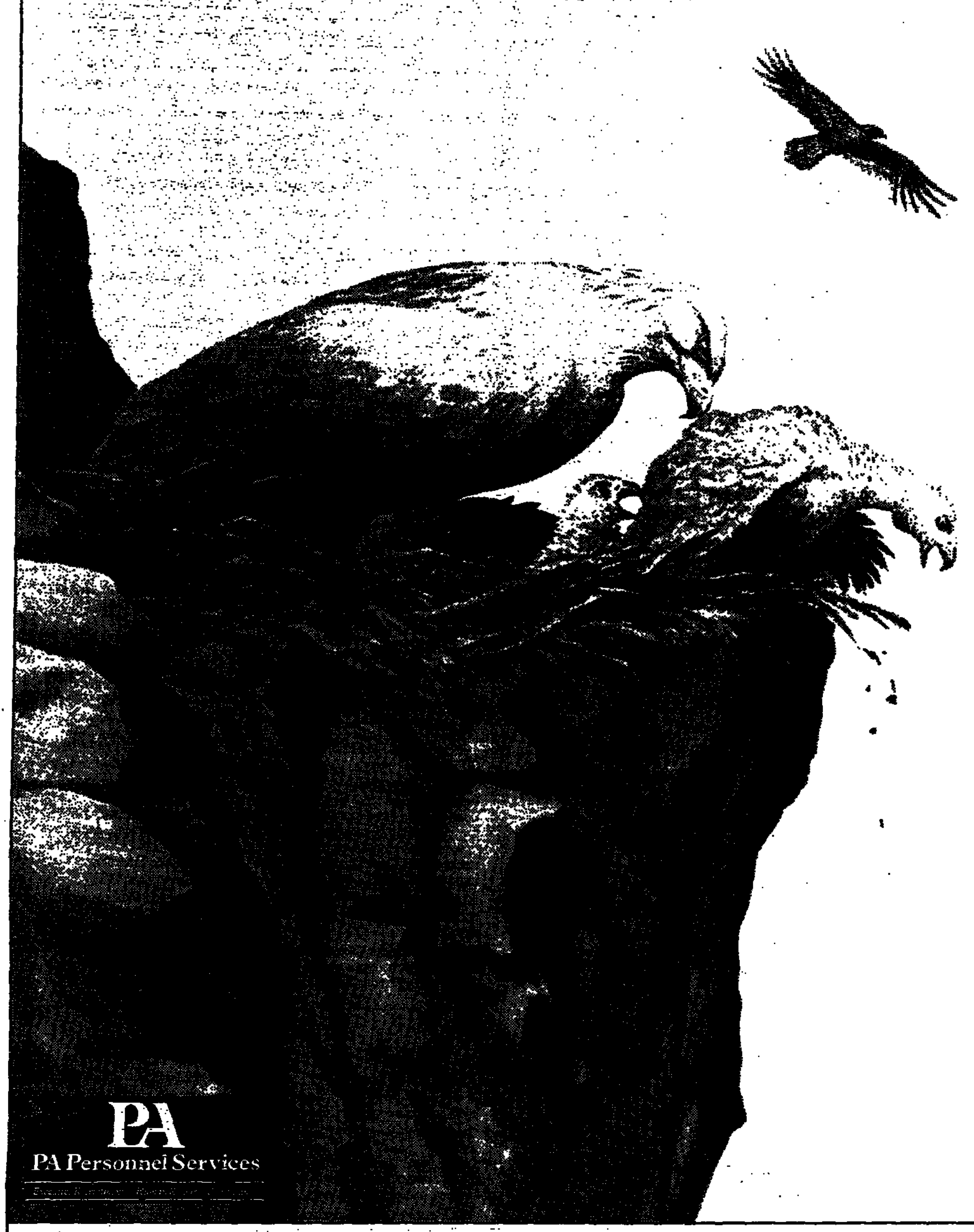

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Sainsbury's will have opened 20 new stores by the end of the year and plans to take on 5,000 more staff. Ann Hills reports on the company's £24 million training programme

The Sainsbury grocery chain is investing £1 billion to develop its business over the next three years: 20 new stores will have been opened this year. To cope with the rapid expansion, it is taking on *5,000 staff, either fresh from* school or armed with degrees, who can expect training which induces loyalty and puts them ahead in personal, transferable skills.

Newcomers will benefit from the £24 million Sainsbury's has allocated for *training* during 1988 – a hefty sum which has opened doors into academic institutions.

At the top, the Master of Business Administration (MBA) course has been termed a "'real world' degree" by *The Times*. The part-time course has been developed by a consortium, including the City University Business School, the Stock Exchange and American Express, as well as Sainsbury's.

A-level recruits can aim towards a new certificate in retail management through Thames Polytechnic, which should benefit future career plans. Sainsbury's has also acquired a 60-room residential training centre, Fanhams Hall, at Ware, Hertfordshire. And each new store has a training room with computers and mock-up till. Clearly, staff development is good for business.

The growth means all-round recruitment as the 70,000 staff (including 2,700 at head office) are continually supplemented.

Sainsbury's has nearly 400 stores (including SavaCentres, Homebase and Shaw's outlets) and with Marks & Spencer as its nearest rival in career terms, has opportunities for specialists on all fronts, from architects to computer whiz-kids, from food technologists to buyers (some of whom travel abroad to negotiate such goods as exotic fruit).

A video aimed at graduate recruitment was being filmed at *the head office, Stamford House*, near Blackfriars Bridge, London, when I visited. It will help woo more than 200 third-year undergraduates who will be recruited in the coming months, some of whom will join the Christmas holidays residential Insight into Food Retailing course, which Sainsbury's holds in Hertfordshire.

Peter Cox, the manpower resources manager responsible for recruitment, training and *development* up to senior management level, says: "Most people who give up two days of the holidays are committed."

At 35, he sparkles with success, being a long way towards his aim of "bringing together recruitment, training of employees and relations functions – the way we treat staff". *His* background was in electrical and electronic engineering, with a degree from City University. A few years on "I felt my preference to be more on personal skills and management *with people*," he said. He joined Marks & Spencer, then became head of business services at the Institute of Grocery Distribution, and joined Sainsbury's *four* years ago.

Peter Cox, manpower manager

The MBA programme is the icing on the cake, likely to expand over two years to 25 Sainsbury-sponsored students, who are allowed 25 study days a year.

The other big news is *the launch* of a pilot scheme for 18-year-old school-leavers, which leads to the Certificate in Retail Management, a qualification accredited to the Council for National Academic Awards. Trainees start with a *salary of £7,500*.

Mr Cox explained that the link with Thames Polytechnic will enable the first 100 recruits (already chosen) to count this certificate towards a degree if they wish.

Accreditation takes two years to achieve – an extra six months on top of the normal 18 months' training scheme for junior managers. Mr Cox adds: "We'd like this to develop with a national network of colleges of higher *education supporting* each of Sainsbury's geographical areas."

At the same time, help has been sought from academics to improve assessment procedures, which could slim wastage. About 20 per cent of graduates taken on drop out *within* a year.

The effect of all this can be seen at the Ladbroke Grove supermarket in London, which opened in March and has about 26,000 customers a week, each of whom carries away about 80lb of goods a visit. The store has a coffee shop and a petrol station which sells cut-price fuel.

During my visit, the manager, David Robb, had just completed a long session with the district manager, while trolleys strundled into the sales area from storerooms and back-room staff were poring over sales statistics in the computer-lined office. A couple of trainee cashiers were having a lesson on a mock-up till, with laser scan, in the training room.

This was a typical scene in one of the new, mammoth stores, with about 350 staff, including 42 in *management (average age 26)*.

Maria Ardizzi, a 31-year-old company recruitment manager, said: "Opening a store is like giving birth. Afterwards, there is post-natal *depression* when you feel physically and mentally drained, and there is just another store on the map. "I worked as part of the area personnel team for 14 months before it opened in March, first appointing a personnel manager and her assistants. "I liaised with job centres and careers services, set up meetings with Inner City Task Force, worked with Project Fullemploy (some of whose previously unemployed re*cruits are now supervisors)*.

"I looked for accommodation (which we subsidize), planned an advertising campaign, ordered office furniture and uniforms, and *monitored progress weekly*."

Maria joined Sainsbury's as a personnel manager six years ago after five years as a British Airways stewardess. Today she earns about £20,000, has a company car, and intends to rise higher. She is one of Sainsbury's bright academic sparks – among the first eight students on the new MBA course.

Her initial project is "looking at resourcing information technology", *which basically means finding* and training staff working with computers. "I might be able to look at networking, and look back to Fullemploy to see if some of *those unemployed youngsters* could be trained," she says.

Pushing sales: Maria Ardizzi, a recruitment manager with Sainsbury's, and David Robb, manager of the company's new store in Ladbroke Grove, London

The next big London opening is in Camden, where a newly built store is due to open before Christmas with nearly 31,000 sq ft *of sales area, parking for 367 cars*, and a similar number of staff.

Caroline Gye, the site assesssment manager, says: "We need to replace the old Kentish Town shop and serve potential customers from Hampstead and Camden." As long ago as 1983 a potential site was being investi*gated*. Caroline studied the population and social statistics and examined the trading environment.

But it is not just statistics. "We walk the pavements, just getting the feel of the whole retail and *social environment*," she explained, mentioning her geography background, her endless research around the country, including incognito spying on the *competition, her memory for* places and competition, and her own team of 13 assistants, who tend to have degrees in geography and related subjects.

"We have confirmed with Ladbroke Grove how far people will travel – three or four miles – to do their shopping at the right sort of store," she notes, suggesting that a higher proportion of Camden Town shoppers will come on foot, *but turnover should be similar*.

Caroline, 39, has been with Sainsbury's for 16 years. Now, heading a sizeable team, and with family responsibilities, she says: "*My work arrangements balance* with having children."

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Sir, Is it not time we drew up a frontier between sport and the market place? After all, the free market is a good servant, but a bad master.

High transfer fees in soccer, and ridiculous floodlit cricket, destabilize the mass appeal of sport. The massive decline of TV snooker has shown that there is a limit to the exploitation of sportsmen by saturation TV coverage and gossip news-mongering. The Olympics proved that greed, induced by the media and the commercialism of sponsors can lead to drugs, and the ruin of fine but stupid sportsmen. Sportsmanship ought to be sacrosanct.

Worst of all, for us British, would be the destruction of soccer, our national game, by the spread of TV monopoly deals and the folly of a super league. Scotland can run a premier division of restricted size because, after all, there are so few clubs there with mass appeal. In England any super league would eliminate two-thirds of clubs with first-class support.

It's good to get Liverpool v Manchester United, or Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur twice a season, or so. But I can think of nothing more audience-reducing than a constant diet of only the top clubs. Isn't the appeal *chiefly* about the decline of old giants, and the brilliant rise of new bulls? If not, why is the FA Cup much the most fascinating competition?

Yours respectfully,
J. W. SAUNDERS,
17 Benton Road,
Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

Testing process

From Mr F. J. Rodgers

Sir, The most disturbing aspect of David Miller's article, "A Lesson That Christie Should Heed" (October 15), is that we were led to believe that the drug testing procedure at Seoul was the most sophisticated yet with its myriad of computers etc . . .

However, this would appear not to be the case if Professor Arnold Beckett is to believe that after the result of the test on Linford Christie's samples after the 200 metres showed traces of pseudo-ephedrine, the learned professor then re-tested the sample taken from Linford Christie after the 100 metres race and then found that it revealed traces of the same drug.

If the sample taken after the 100 metres did reveal traces of pseudo-ephedrine why were these not found in the first test? If traces were not found in the first test then they were either added later or there were serious deficiencies in the testing procedure which must call into question the result of the tests on the samples of Ben Johnson, Carl Lewis, Florence Griffith *et al.*

In the circumstances, I would suggest that Professor Beckett either withdraw his remarks or he arranges to have all samples tested forthwith.

Yours faithfully,
F. J. RODGERS,
12 Cholmeley Crescent, N6.

Souness is generating growth

From Mr J. P. Ashmore

Sir, Mr Joseph Malone's letter (October 20) appears to be little more than an unjustified and biased attack on Glasgow Rangers, motivated by the "sour grapes" philosophy.

In two years Graeme Souness has done much not only to restore the former greatness of Rangers but also to instil added interest and help develop an exciting period of growth and expansion in Scottish football.

It is to Souness's credit that he has succeeded in generating an inflow of high quality players (Woods, Butcher, Walters, Gough and Wilkins to name some) and helped create a side which produces entertaining football, draws the crowds wherever it plays, is capable of matching the best clubs in Europe and has, at the same time, stimulated other Scottish clubs to follow suit and hence brought about an exciting time in Scottish football.

In the extract from his autobiography (October 22), David Hay criticizes the Celtic directors for running that famous club "on a shoestring" and not attempting to match Souness's ambitious projects. The implication is clear: Celtic, like Rangers, possessed the resources, but simply refused to use them. Can Souness be criticized for merely utilizing to the full the resources available to him?

Mr Malone would be naive not to recognize that football everywhere is developing a situation where a super league will eventually form and where the rich get richer and the poor poorer. It is inevitable that the Rangers, Celtics, Liverpools and Arsenals will get richer at the expense of the smaller clubs.

Rangers are not alone in taking advantage of this "crime". But Tottenham and Manchester United have both borne out in recent years the idea that money cannot guarantee success; it is not possible simply to "buy" a winning side; a successful team is moulded, not just bought.

Every sport encourages the pursuit of excellence; Liverpool have pursued this goal for the last 20 years. Souness has merely transferred the values he learnt at Anfield to Ibrox with some considerable success. Whoever they play, Liverpool inevitably attract an immense interest and support and Rangers are quickly doing the same thing in Scotland.

On every occasion that I have watched Liverpool play I have derived immense pleasure from watching them. I don't think we should detract from Graeme Souness's attempts to recreate the hallmarks of excellence that he learnt at Liverpool at a time when the prestige of the British game is at such a low ebb on the continent. I, for one, wholeheartedly applaud it.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ASHMORE,
27 Park Hill, SW4.

From Mr John McKnight

Sir, Your correspondent J. J. Malone writes of Rangers' arrogance, their "right to win", their "super team" and their "minor problem of beating the rest of the teams". He "assumes" that this has been indicated by Rangers' "drubbing" of Celtic.

What your correspondent is displaying is the small-town attitude that is prevalent in Scotland. Anything that smacks of the big time is frowned upon. Even Billy McNeill has talked of Celtic as being underdogs.

Rangers fans rightly want success as it is the high admission prices that they are prepared to pay which pays for Rangers' signings.

If it was the recent game at Aberdeen that prompted Mr Malone's letter, it is worth pointing out that it was Rangers who suffered from Aberdeen's bad sportsmanship. Four players were injured, with Ian Durrant's career now in jeopardy.

Pointing the finger at Rangers' bank balance or accusing them of being arrogant does not justify foul play.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN McKNIGHT,
90 Turnberry Road,
Hyndland, Glasgow.

Challenge of Soviet yachts

From Mr Hugh Marriott

Sir, In your columns there appears to be a degree of incredulity that the Soviet Union has registered four challenges for the next America's Cup series. Simon Barnes wrote that Warwick Collins' filmscript on a similar theme had earlier seemed "impossible", and Mr Collins wrote to you himself agreeing that it had been apparently "absurd and fantastic".

Is this because we believe that yachting and the Soviet way of life are incompatible? Or is it an indication that nobody in the West any longer sees the America's Cup as a sporting contest, but instead as a publicity match between arch capitalists?

Anyway, there are thousands of young people throughout Europe who have direct experience of competing against Russian yachts and who can confirm that they make formidable opponents. The USSR has been entering vessels in Cutty Sark Tall Ships' Races since 1974. Not all of them are square-riggers, though some of them are, such as Sedov, the world's largest sailing ship, and Mir (Russian for "peace").

The USSR first entered a yacht in a Cutty Sark race in 1980, and this year, of the 12 Russian entries in the Cutty Sark races that took place in the Baltic, six were highly competitive racing yachts — as the results proved.

It is true that the Cutty Sark races are organized by the Sail Training Association and hardly require crewing to America's Cup standard. Nevertheless, it is a fact that the Russians have been entering yachts, and winning with them, in international events for some time now. Perhaps this is what they have been training for.

Yours faithfully,
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Cricket coverage

From Mr N. W. P. Cole

Sir, I am writing to express my fears for the future of cricket broadcasting in the UK, following the announcement that Test Match Special is to move from Radio 3 to the proposed Radio 5 in 1990. The current proposals would mean TMS sharing radio time wtih a variety of sports, education and current affairs programmes. Thus the traditional ball-by-ball coverage of matches, which has helped millions to follow Test cricket over the years, would be lost.

Doubtless there are those who say cricket fans should not be so greedy, and should be prepared to surrender all-day broadcasting. This, however, would be to miss the point. The essence of a Test match, and what makes it a unique event in the world of sport, is the manner in which the drama unfolds continuously throughout the match, as fortunes swing to and fro.

If one went to the theatre to see a play by Shakespeare, one would not expect to see it presented in the form of a half-hour sitcom. In the same way, coverage of a Test match cannot be reduced to a series of abbreviated reports if the essence of the event is not to be totally destroyed.

Furthermore, TMS has itself developed into a unique form of entertainment, based as much on the characters and conversation within it as on the cricket. It is a programme which has not only delighted millions of cricket fans over the years, but which has also introduced countless listeners to cricket who otherwise may not have become involved in our national game.

The cheerful, non-stop banter, the fund of anecdotes and the clear enjoyment of a day at the cricket have enabled the TMS team to establish a rapport with their listeners unrivalled in modern broadcasting. To disrupt TMS in the manner which is proposed would inevitably destroy the atmosphere that has made this one of the most popular of all radio programmes.

In recent years the television coverage of Test matches has been increasingly interrupted by other programmes, despite the availability of a second BBC channel. Consequently, the coverage and enjoyment of the cricket has suffered. This must not be allowed to happen to radio coverage as well. TMS has existed for 40 years and is now more popular than ever. There is no reason why it cannot continue in its present form on Radio 3 for the next 40 years.

This will not happen, though, without the support of all those who care about cricket broadcasting. May I therefore urge all of your readers to write to Patricia Ewing, Head of BBC Radio Sport and Controller Designate of Radio 5, to beg her to retain TMS in its entirety, and thus preserve what is for so many their only regular access to Test cricket in this country.

Yours faithfully,
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Alvaston, Derby.

Multi-racial rugby

From Mr John Nash

Sir, The South African State President, P. W. Botha, brought in legislation allowing all sporting clubs to admit whomsoever they wish. He did away with pass books. He got rid of the Immorality and Mixed Marriages Acts so that all were free to marry. He suspended forced resettlement, brought in legislation to end racial discrimination in employment, and he turned the white universities multi-racial. All this took great courage in the face of right-wing Afrikaner resistance, placing his own party and career at risk.

How did we encourage him? We ignored him: the world, the Beeb (and Bernard Levin) carried on beating him with the same old anti-apartheid stick.

Now, old Danie Craven, bless him, has wandered on to the floodlit field, desperate to see the Springboks play before he gets to the last page of his pension book. The ANC know the growing pace of change in South Africa will eventually render their violent political message obsolete, so have grabbed the chance to dance in the light, crying, "Look at us. We are bringing change, turning the tide."

Before you run off to buy tickets for the match, remember that the ANC's kit smells of petrol, and their ball carries a smoking fuse. Down in South Africa it is summer, but I bet Piet Botha feels chilly. Someone is stealing his clothes.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN NASH,
52 Kernick Way,
Hayle, Cornwall.

From Mr J. V. Smith

Sir, Having consistently opposed contact with South Africa at international level over some 20 years, I am heartened at the news of Dr Craven's conversion at Harare.

With the support of Dr Luyt of Transvaal a beacon has been lit which all of us who wish deeply for the return of South Africa to the body of full acceptability in the Western world should kindle and assist.

The good doctors will inevitably be out of a limb at Pretoria, so I hope the Foreign Office will show some diplomatic flexibility, acknowledge the potential in Craven and Luyts' efforts, and encourage the Home Unions to participate fully in the centenary celebrations shortly due in South African rugby. There need be only one proviso: that the proposal for a multi-racial administration be put into effect.

Yours,
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Ebley, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Bulgarians are back after drug inquiry

By Chris Than

Bulgaria, whose team was pulled out of the Olympics amid allegations of drug abuse, are one of 14 nations competing in the Silver Dragon Trophy in Cardiff this weekend, when one of their team, Stefan Botev, is expected to make an attempt on the world record in the clean and jerk in the heavyweight class.

The record of 250.5kg is held by Yuri Zacharevichi, of the Soviet Union, who set it at Cardiff in the European championships last April.

Hungary and Spain, also tainted by the drug scandal at the Olympics and traditionally among the leading participants in the Silver Dragon tournament, are not competing.

After the Olympics the Bulgarians set up an inquiry to investigate the circumstances leading to positive testing for diuretics of two of their athletes, Mitko Grablev and Angel Guenchev.

The lifters, the coaches and the doctors all denied that any illegal substances were used. However, the Bulgarian commission upheld the findings of the IOC and sanctioned Guenchev's two-year suspension but decided to reinstate Grablev on a technicality.

Naturally the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) were less than pleased with the inquiry. According to sources in Budapest the Bulgarian whitewash may force the IWF to support the unprecedented measure of suspending them unless they put their house in order.

In Hungary, the entire management of the sport has resigned while Spain has cancelled the Salter international tournament in Barcelona next month. The doctor of their team took the *blame* for the disqualification of one of the lifters in Seoul, claiming that he was unaware that the concoction of vitamins given before competition contained amphetamines.

The executive committee of the IWF will meet in extraordinary session next month to decide on what action is needed to help the sport clean up its image. Meanwhile, Geoff Platt, drug testing officer for the British Amateur Weightlifting Association (BAWA), says that the Welsh Sports Council and the BAWA will run drug tests at Cardiff at the Silver Dragon event.

GOLF

Ballesteros moving into the driving seat

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Sotogrande

Severiano Ballesteros's penchant for breaking records and putting one over the Americans has encouraged him to compete in the Volvo Masters, which begins on the Valderrama course here today.

Ballesteros knows that if he wins the first prize of £58,330, plus the £50,000 bonus that he will receive for being the leader of the Order of Merit, he could become the first player in history to be No. 1 in Europe by winning more money than his opposite number in the same year in the United States.

It would give Ballesteros, the Open champion, official winnings of £471,029, compared to the £411,700 that Joey Sindelar has so far earned to be the leader in the US, although the Nabisco World Championships of Golf in California next month could put a different complexion on the situation.

The thought that he could break another record has enticed Ballesteros to compete.

"I'm so tired that initially I did not plan to play," he said. "Then I thought about it and I realized I could become the first person to lead in Europe with more money than my American counterpart.

"Quite honestly, I think it is likely to happen regularly in the future because I expect that we will be playing for more money than the Americans in five years."

It can only be hoped that if this becomes reality it will also coincide with the departure of appearance money. Mel Pyatt, director of the Volvo Tour, said: "We just don't get involved with appearance money. Our position has been made very clear.

"Basically, what we're saying is that we are willing to take the risk on who turns up for the Volvo Masters. If it came down to players knocking on our door for appearance money, then it would be very sad, indeed. We won't budge from our position."

Volvo has set a new standard that other sponsors can aim to follow. There should be encouragement in the fact that all the stars, with the exception of Bernhard Langer, who usually receive appearance money, are here.

It promises to be an exceptional tournament on a course which Ballesteros, in company with most of his rivals, believes to be the best examination that they have faced on the PGA European Tour. It is not only a demanding test but a course which is in outstanding condition. There can be no excuses from the players this week because the fairways are like carpets and the greens are perfect.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	387	4	10	404	4
2	410	4	11	551	5
3	171	3	12	219	3
4	563	5	13	401	4
5	376	4	14	389	4
6	184	3	15	228	3
7	531	5	16	421	4
8	349	4	17	558	5
9	454	4	18	456	4
Out	3,405	36	In	3,615	36

Total yardage: 7,020 Par: 72

Leader reaches home

From Patricia Davies, Barcelona

The golfers of the women's European tour are used to plying their trade in Spain but the Woolmark Matchplay Championship, which starts at Vallromanas, near Barcelona, today takes them into Catalonia for the first time. And Catalonia, as everyone here is keen to point out, is not exactly Spain. People tend to be punctual and, perhaps most impressive of all, drivers stop at red lights.

On the road, Marie-Laure de Lorenzi de Taya, whose home is in Barcelona, is required to be as restrained as everyone else, but it is a different matter on the golf course. If there have been any stop signs posted on the fairways of Europe this season, she has failed to heed them, winning a record five tournaments. Only Alison Nicholas can stop her from topping the Woolmark order of merit.

Nicholas must start by beating Gillian Masters in the first round and she may have an ally in Mardi Lunn, a big-hitting, uninhibited Australian, who is being sponsored on the tour by her older sister, Karen and Corinne Dibnah, the British Open champion. Lunn the younger, twice the Australian junior champion, plays Taya.

Trish Johnson, the defending champion, is making only her fourth appearance in Europe after a season of toil in America and plays Lunn the elder.

CYCLING

Gornall's assailant given penalty

From Peter Bryan, Wagga Wagga, New South Wales

England's team, committed to supporting Harry Lodge, in third place overall in the 1,200-mile Commonwealth Bank Tour, was weakened yesterday when Ben Luckwell pulled out of the race which ends in Melbourne on Saturday.

Luckwell, suffering from a heavy cold, missed Tuesday's optional city centre race at Canberra to be fit for yesterday's longest stage of the 13-day marathon, 123 miles from Yass to Wagga Wagga. But he had a high fever in the night and race doctors advised him not to start.

His retirement left Lodge to be protected by Colin Sturgess, Neil Hoban, the national road race champion, and Mark Gornall, a group which came close to being down to two when Gornall was attacked by Italy's world and Olympic medal winner, Eros Poli, at 75 miles.

Poli grabbed Gornall's handlebars and twisted them towards the grass verge.

Race officials penalized Poli 30 seconds for his action, which dropped the Italian to fifth place overall.

RESULTS: Twelfth stage (Yass to Wagga Wagga, 123 miles): 1, M Kartowicz (Poland) 5:07.53; 2, C Lawrence (US), same time; 3, B Namtevedt (Nor), same time; 4, P Swading (Aus), 5:09.53; 5, G Pierobon (It), same time; 6, K Kristiansen (Nor), same time. British placings: 14, H Lodge 5:09.53; 15, M Gornall, same time; 50, C Sturgess 5:28.01; 51, N Hoban, same time. Overall: 1, M Kulas (Pol), 34:30.49; 2, C Zamana (Pol), at 2.46; 3, H Lodge (Eng), at 6.19; 4, E Salas (Aus), at 8.58; 5, E Poli (It), at 9.15; 6, G Eickelbeck (WG), at 10.22. British placings: 51, C Sturgess 1:44.11; 52, N Hoban 1:47.29.

TODAY: Albury criterium 18 miles, Albury to Wangaratta, 50 miles.

RACING RESULTS FROM THE NEWCASTLE AND EDINBURGH MEETINGS

Newcastle

Going: good

1.30 (3m ch) 1, **PRINCE METTERNICH** (C Dennis, 5-2); 2, **Sir Jest** (A Merrigan, 10-11 fav); 3, **Clouroche Stream** (Mr M Thompson, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Allten Glazed (4th), 25 Thetchu (5th). 5 ran. 8l, 15l, 25l, 7l. C Bell at Castleford. Tote: £3.70; £1.60, £1.10. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.85.

2.0 (2m hdle) 1, **ANTINOUS** (R Marley, 13-8 fav); 2, **Ben Ledi** (M Dwyer, 7-1); 3, **Leven Lass** (P Niven, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 Dutcheim (4th), 12 Sagart Aroon (5th), 14 Quassimi (f), 20 Roman Moor, Naturally Autumn, Second Mission (pu), 33 Bay Bridge (pu), Copper Market, Mellow Light (6th), Price Glory. 13 ran. 10l, 2½l, 12l, 5l, nk. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £2.70; £1.40, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £8.90. CSF: £14.92.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, **SWIRL HOWE** (Mr A Costello, 11-8 fav); 2, **Four Trix** (P Tuck, 5-2); 3, **Rymer's Walk** (Mr J Greenall, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Cheeny's Brig (4th), 12 Ballyheelan (pu), 33 Crack-A-Jim (pu), 50 Pledgdon Green (5th), Wayside (f). 8 ran. 2½l, 2l, 12l, 20l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £3.00. CSF: £4.90.

3.0 (2m hdle) 1, **CLIFFALDA** (T Morgan, 20-1); 2, **Pat's Jester** (B Storey, 15-8 jt-fav); 3, **Tartan Tailor** (P Tuck, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 jt-fav Aston Express (pu), 15-2 Firm Price (4th), 12 Ballydurrow (f), Merry Junior (6th), 33 Norton Warrior (5th). 8 ran. 1½l, 4l, 12l, 15l, dist. J Edwards at Ross-On-Wye. Tote: £19.20; £3.00, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £15.20. CSF: £55.79.

3.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, **RENSHAW WOOD** (Mrs A Farrell, 16-1); 2, **Magwood** (S Turner, 5-1); 3, **Trailing Rose** (P Niven, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Sandmoor Court (f), 5 Mr Perfect (5th), 7 Brownhill Lass, Permabos, 16 Joe's Fancy (4th), Pounentes (pu), Work Mate, 33 Ground Master (6th). 11 ran. 7l, 4l, 1½l, sh hd, 6l. P Beaumont at Brandsby. Tote: £31.30; £2.10, £2.10, £2.90. DF: £135.70. CSF: £87.77. Tricast: £424.22.

4.0 (2m hdle) 1, **YORKSHIRE HOLLY** (P Niven, 7-4; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, **Fenwerth** (M Hammond, 4-5 fav); 3, **Peegee's Girl** (T Reed, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Pacific Sound (6th), Rosies Son (5th), 16 Mr Fenwick (4th), 50 The Pride Of Pokey, 66 Jocasa Sunset, Cool Rebel, Good Scoul, Rant A Bandit, Alistairs Girl, Fairest Isle, Just A Jest (pu). 14 ran. 4l, 15l, 10l, hd, 1l. Mrs G Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £2.90; £1.40, £1.10, £3.10. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.55.

Placepot: £10.80.

Edinburgh

Going: good

1.45 (1m) 1, **STAGE PLAYER** (N Day, evens fav); 2, **Duncton Hill** (G Duffield, 11-2); 3, **Schweppes Time** (T Ives, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Nobby Clark (5th), 16 There You Are (4th), 50 City To City (6th). 6 ran. 2½l, 15l, 12l, nk, 1½l. I Matthews at Newmarket. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £2.00. DF: £7.70. CSF: £6.01.

2.15 (1m) 1, **IMMOTIVE** (T Ives, 11-8 fav); 2, **Rampant Ron** (L Charnock, 6-4); 3, **Young Commander** (K Fallon, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 20 Running Fortune (4th), 33 Sophie's Star (6th), 50 Opalkino (5th). 6 ran. hd, 12l, 10l, 1l, 20l. B McMahon at Tamworth. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £1.50. CSF: £3.51.

2.45 (7f) 1, **GROSSEN** (L Charnock, 10-1); 2, **Comfrey Glen** (G Duffield, 9-2 jt-fav); 3, **Supreme Optimist** (M Fry, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Gothic Ford (6th), 13-2 Manabel (4th), 9 Timbal, Selvi, 10 Shertango, Top Row, 12 Roof Ghost (5th), 20 Tarisseac, 66 Hoptons Chance. 12 ran. hd, 4l, nk, 2l, 1½l. M Camacho at Malton. Tote: £9.60; £3.60, £2.20, £2.50. DF: £14.20. CSF: £50.11. Tricast: £577.26.

3.15 (1m 4f) 1, **DAURICUM** (L Charnock, 7-1); 2, **Fiorel** (S O'Gorman, 7-2); 3, **Dreaming Star** (N Carlisle, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Saturn Moon (5th), 4 Mans No Angel (4th), 16 Master Franke (6th). 8 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 10l, 12l, dist. C Thornton at Middleham. Tote: £6.90; £2.60, £2.40. DF: £7.80. CSF: £27.72. Bought in 1,800 gns.

3.45 (5f) 1, **DANCING BLADE** (T Ives, 4-1 fav); 2, **Lady Keyser** (G Bardwell, 14-1); 3, **Noble Habitat** (G Duffield, 7-1); 4, **Becky Peepsight** (A Munro, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Blue Bell Music (5th), 6 Southend Scallywag (6th), 10 Etoll, 12 Tee Wall, Baby Talk, 14 Les Yeux d'Amour, Altero, 16 Sam's Choice, 20 Howling Gael, 33 Star Cover, Breezy Sailor, Matching Spell. 16 ran. 2½l, hd, 1l, 1l, nk. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. Tote: £4.70; £2.10, £3.20, £1.60, £19.20. DF: £172.80. CSF: £57.57. Tricast: £361.10.

4.15 (6f) 1, **TACHYON PARK** (T Ives, 8-1); 2, **Captain's Bidd** (S Wood, 25-1); **Belle Seville** (L Charnock, 9-2 fav); 4, **Uptown Girl** (S Webster, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 6 L'Addition, 9 Ridgiduct, Tanfen (5th), 10 Silks Venture, Cotton On Quick, 14 Spitzabit, Jacqui Joy (6th), 16 Wesbree Bay, 20 Bunnyloch, 33 Decoy Express, Fine A Leau, Fair Katrina, 66 Special Price. 17 ran. Nk, ¾l, 4l, nk, hd. P Arthur at Aston Tirrold. Tote: £9.20; £2.80, £6.80, £2.20, £5.10. DF: £150.50. CSF: £173.60. Tricast: £931.14. Placepot: £61.70.

Cliffalda surprise

Cliffalda, trained by John Edwards, emerged as a Champion Hurdle possible when beating joint-favourite Pat's Jester by 1½ lengths in the Ekbalco Hurdle at Newcastle yesterday.

However, the major disappointment was the other joint-favourite Aston Express. He dropped out rapidly from half way, and was pulled up by Michael Hammond before the second last.

Hammond said: "Aston Express found nothing when I asked him. Something is amiss but I could not say what." The stewards accepted Hammond's explanation and ordered a routine dope test.

Court of Appeal — Law Report October 27 1988 — Queen's Bench Division

Defendant's statement not admissible

Regina v Hutton

Before Lord Justice Neill, Mr Justice Tucker and Mr Justice Rougier

[Judgment October 21]

A written statement made by an accused person after consultation with his solicitor, which contained no admissions, was not admissible in evidence on the ground that he had initially been denied access to a solicitor and the statement showed his first reaction to the charge made against him.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of Michael Anthony Hutton against his conviction on April 8, 1987 at Birmingham Crown Court (Judge Potter and a jury) of conspiracy to rob and of possessing a shortened shotgun without a certificate for which he had been sentenced to nine and four years youth custody concurrent respectively.

Mr John Ungley, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr James Pyke for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL, giving the judgment of the court, said that in spring 1986 a series of robberies took place at post offices, jewellers' shops and building society offices in Birmingham and in three of them a sawn-off shotgun had been produced.

The case for the Crown against the appellant was not that he had carried out any of the robberies himself but that he had been the brains behind them and that from time to time he had supplied the robbers with a sawn-off shotgun.

The appellant was arrested on June 28, 1986 and was interviewed on three occasions by police officers after arrest after being denied access to a solicitor. After being charged he again asked to see a solicitor and on June 29 was seen by his solicitor, a Mr Dyer.

At the end of his private consultation with Mr Dyer the appellant asked to make a written statement, having previously refused to sign the notes of his interviews with the police officers. His statement was taken down by a police officer in the presence of his solicitor.

It was common ground at the trial that the statement contained no admissions by the appellant and, as became apparent when he gave evidence, was consistent with the version of events which he told to the jury.

At the outset of the trial counsel for the appellant argued that the statement should be put before the jury as part of the evidence for the prosecution or that, at any rate, he should be entitled to cross-examine police officers about the contents of it.

The judge ruled against that and directed that cross-examination by the defence should be limited to eliciting that after seeing his solicitor the appellant had made a formal statement giving his version of events. Further, the judge said that if the appellant were cross-examined about the contents of the statement by counsel for the Crown then the whole statement could be put before the jury.

Before their Lordships, counsel for the appellant had sought to challenge the ruling by the trial judge mainly on the ground that the statement was admissible as showing the appellant's first reaction to the charge against him.

He had argued, *inter alia*, that where the police exercised their rights under section 58 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 to delay compliance with a request to consult a solicitor, an accused person was entitled to claim that his first reaction to a charge was his reaction following his consultation with a solicitor at the end of the period of delay.

The appellant's counsel had argued that the statement was admissible within paragraph 2(a) of the principles set out in *R v Pearce* ((1979) 69 Cr App R 365, 369) as applied and explained in *R v Newsome* ((1980) 71 Cr App R 325).

In *Pearce* it was said at paragraph (2)(a): "A statement that is not an admission is admissible to show the attitude of the accused at the time when he made it. This, however, is not to be limited to a statement made on the first encounter with the police . . . The longer the time that has elapsed after the first encounter the less the weight which will be attached to the denial. The judge is able to direct the jury about the value of such statements."

Paragraph (3) provided: "Although in practice most statement are given in evidence even when they are largely self-serving, there may be a rare occasion when an accused produces a carefully prepared statement to the police, with a view to it being made part of the prosecution evidence. The trial judge would plainly exclude such a statement as inadmissible."

Their Lordships, after pointing out that in *Newsome* a statement which was dictated to the police by an accused person after a consultation with his solicitor was held to be a self-serving statement within the third of the principles enunciated in *Pearce*, said that they were unable to accept the submission that it was the police who, by exercising their right under section 58 of the 1984 Act, had in effect prevented the appellant from making known his first reaction to the charge.

Although in *Pearce* it had been held that a statement might be admissible to show the attitude of an accused person even though it was not made on the first encounter, a distinction had to be drawn between a statement which could properly be described as a spontaneous reaction and one which came into being as a carefully prepared draft following consultation.

The fact that the police had restricted access to a solicitor for a period did not affect the question whether the statement under consideration fell within paragraph 2(a) or 3 of the *Pearce* principles. Their Lordships were satisfied that the trial judge had been right to conclude that the statement was not one which fell within paragraph 2(a) of the *Pearce* principles.

For those and other reasons the appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Birmingham.

Fish sales note is sufficient

Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food v Rutter and Others

The Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food was entitled to accept a sale note accurately stating the quantity of cod landed by a British fishing boat in place of a standard landing declaration as set out in Commission Regulation No 2807/83/EEC without formally specifying by means of subordinate legislation that sales notes were acceptable for the purposes of article 2 of the regulation.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Ian Kennedy) so held on October 6 in allowing an appeal by the ministry against a decision of Alnwick Justices that eight skippers of British fishing boats had no case to answer on informations alleging that they had failed to submit landing declarations accurately showing the quantity of cod landed. The cases were remitted to the justices to continue the hearings.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that Council Regulation No 2057/82/EEC and Commission Regulation No 2807/83/EEC and the Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Control Measures) Order (SI 1985 No 487) were concerned with the conservation of fish stocks in the North Sea.

In the court's view the requirements of the regulations were met by sales notes. The procedure was for the benefit of the fishermen to make compliance with the regulations easier. A meeting had taken place when a ministry inspector told the fishermen that sales notes would be accepted as landing declarations provided each skipper had spoken to the inspector to agree procedure. That was sufficient specification.

No power to seize assets of fraud

Chief Constable of Surrey v A and Another

Before Mr Justice Ognall

[Judgment October 24]

The police had no *locus standi* to obtain an interlocutory injunction restraining defendants from dealing with assets which had been obtained by fraud.

Mr Justice Ognall so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment given in open court after a hearing in chambers in refusing an application by the Chief Constable of Surrey for an interlocutory injunction restraining two defendants from selling properties obtained by allegedly dishonest means.

Mr Andrew Mitchell for the chief constable; Mr Paul Garlick for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE OGNALL said the case for the chief constable was that the defendants had obtained mortgage advances by criminal deception and it was now believed that unless restrained, the defendants would sell the properties. The sustained rise in the housing market meant the lenders were likely to be repaid in full leaving substantial profits for the defendants.

The argument for the chief constable was essentially directed to the profit element and he sought a declaration that the net profits of the sales were held by the defendants as constructive trustees for those who advanced the loans.

The lenders were not parties and they were not seeking independent relief.

The chief constable founded his entitlement to relief on two grounds.

First, he relied on the common law principle that a person was not entitled to the support of the court to derive benefit from his crime.

Second, the lenders had a good arguable case on the constructive trust point and administrative convenience and policy demanded that the police should be found to have sufficient interest.

In his Lordship's judgment, the chief constable neither fell within the common law principle nor did he have sufficient interest to obtain *locus standi*.

So far as the first matter was concerned, his Lordship agreed with both the reasoning and the conclusions of Mr Justice Hoffmann in *Chief Constable of Leicestershire v M and Another* (*The Times* October 12, 1988).

There the application was directed to the profit element of the anticipated sale of property purchased with the assistance of fraudulently obtained mortgage advances. In the present case the underlying purpose of the application was to freeze the assets. However, his Lordship did not find the distinction significant.

It was now more than 100 years since the abolition of the power of general confiscation of assets obtained through treason or felony. Confiscation was only recognized when it was the creature of a particular statute, for example the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986.

The power of restraint on assets and the right to confiscate vested in the criminal courts in sections 71 and 77 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (not yet in force) militated against the courts enunciating a kindred purpose at common law on the ground of public policy.

So far as *locus standi* was concerned his Lordship did not consider that the chief constable was entitled to seek relief by way of declaration. The alleged interest of the police was too indirect.

His Lordship did not accept the contention that the defendants should be treated as constructive trustees.

It might have been that had the lenders sought such relief his Lordship might not have shut them out and left the point to be argued at a full hearing, but in the case of the police he regarded it as going to the exercise of his discretion to refuse the application.

Solicitors: Fraud and Bankruptcy Division, DPP; Pocknell, Crick & Co, Aldershot.

Selecting employees for redundancy

Rogers and Others v Vosper Thornycroft (UK) Ltd

Sheehan and Another v Same

Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Woolf

[Judgment October 25]

When there had been a customary arrangement whereby an employer would first select for redundancy from a pool of volunteers, and the employer then selected employees for redundancy without calling for volunteers, those employees had not been "selected for dismissal in contravention of a customary arrangement . . . relating to redundancy" for the purposes of section 59(*b*) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978, since that section applied only where the actual selection of the relevant employee had itself been in contravention of such an arrangement or agreed procedure.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing appeals by 20 former employees of Vosper Thornycroft (UK) Ltd from the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Wood, Mrs M. L. Boyle and Miss A. P. Vale) which on February 4 ([1988] ICR 305) had dismissed their appeal from the finding of an industrial tribunal that their dismissals had not been unfair under section 59(*b*) of the 1978 Act.

Mr Brian Langstaff for the employees; Mr Alan Wilkie for the employer.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the employees had argued that the obtaining of a pool of volunteers from which the selection would be made was itself part of the selection procedure, and that accordingly a failure to obtain such a pool rendered their selection to be in contravention of the customary arrangement; they had contended that the tribunal had erroneously been looking for a comprehensive and complete code governing dismissal and had based their decision on the absence of such a code.

When an employee was taken on, it was the employee who had initiated the procedure by applying for the job; that was to be contrasted with dismissal where the employer initiated the procedure. The provision of a pool, however, depended not on the act of the employer but on the willingness of employees to volunteer.

His Lordship accepted as a general proposition that it was not necessary to have a cut and dried detailed procedure or arrangement before section 59 could apply. The point was a narrow one and depended on first impressions as questions of construction often did.

His Lordship agreed with the views expressed by the appeal tribunal in *McDowell v Eastern British Road Services Ltd* ([1981] IRLR 482): section 59(*b*) applied only to contraventions of an agreed procedure or customary arrangement which were themselves relevant to the actual selection of the relevant employee for that particular redundancy.

Both tribunals had adopted a wholly proper approach in law and the appeals should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Woolf agreed.

Solicitors: Lamport Bassitt, Southampton; Mr Joe O'Hara, Esher; Farrer & Co.

Law Society results

The Law Society summer examination results will be published in *The Times* tomorrow.

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Desert Orchid poised to begin his season on a triumphant note

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Desert Orchid, the most popular jumper in training as well as the best, according to *Timeform's* Chasers and Hurdlers of 87/88, begins another campaign in the Terry Biddlecombe Challenge Trophy at Wincanton today, just as he did a year ago.

On that occasion he started favourite at 7-1 on to beat his two rivals, which he duly did by a distance, and although he has a bit more on his plate this afternoon he should still begin this season where he left off last term, with a win.

Desert Orchid apart, the most interesting runner in the field of five is arguably the ex-Irish 10-year-old Hard Case, who is now in the care of Tim Forster at Letcombe Bassett.

Last season, Hard Case started fourth favourite for the Grand National but got no further than the nineteenth fence. In Ireland he was more than useful when at his best but still not in the same league as Desert Orchid. Nor, for that matter, are Bishops Yarn, Golden Friend and Maitredee.

With Desert Orchid certain to start at short odds William Anthony is suggested as the day's best bet in the first division of the Witchampton Novices' Chase.

Although he has never tackled a fence in public, unlike both Bigsun and Chief Buckaneer, who showed a fair amount of promise in similar races last season, trainer Nick Gaselee said William Anthony has been jumping like a buck at home, and that he was definitely a horse to follow.

Nick Gaselee: confidence in William Anthony (1.0)

So I have no intention of doing otherwise, especially as William Anthony had some quite useful form over hurdles to his credit when he won twice at Folkestone.

The other division can go to Nicky Henderson's useful stayer Take No Trash (2.0), who is preferred to Kodiak Island. Last year Take No Trash ran up a sequence of victories over hurdles in the autumn and he too jumps well by all accounts.

Perhaps Lucky, my selection for the Dorset Handicap Chase, was a creditable second to Acarine in the Charisma Gold Cup at Kempton 12 days ago.

Following that decisive win at Carlisle last week, Tartan Takeover looks to have a sound chance of winning the Newark Storage Novices' Chase at Southwell, where the *Jack Levy Memorial Trophy* is an open contest with the recent winners Austhorpe Sunset, Old Malton, Enchanted Man and Hello Georgie all standing their ground.

Well though Austhorpe Sunset won on his seasonal debut at Wetherby, I still prefer **Old Malton**, who will never be so well handicapped again, despite a 5lb penalty, after striding home 15 lengths clear of his rivals at Uttoxeter a week ago.

At Folkestone, where the programme has grown to nine races, the *Levy Board Nursery* can go to the recent easy course winner Deep Reef, who is just preferred to Early Breeze.

Kiwi Magic, so comprehensively outclassed by the talented Mythyaar at Doncaster last Saturday, makes a quick return to the fray in division two of the Burwash Maiden Stakes, but I still doubt her beating Boules, who caught my eye at Newbury a week ago when finishing fifth on his debut to River Dove.

Blinkered first time

FOLKESTONE: 12.15 Flying Junction, Aldington Comedien. 1.15 Intensive. 1.45 Rocquaine, Shifty Albert. 2.45 Keyboard Prince, Baby Come Home, West Leat.

Breeders' Cup challenge is best to represent Europe

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

The European raiding party for the $10 million Breeders' Cup Day at Churchill Downs on November 5 will be the strongest in the five-year history of the series.

"Warning, Miesque and Ravinella all look good enough to beat the home-trained horses in the Mile," said Geoffrey Gibbs, the senior Jockey Club handicapper, at a conference in London yesterday. "Indian Skimmer looks to be in a different class to Sunshine Forever in the Breeders' Cup Turf, and Infamy would also have a good chance."

A possible 15-strong European contingent will be flown to Kentucky during the first three days of next week. Previous experience has shown that the less time spent in the United States before the race the better. However, there is a compulsory 48-hour period of quarantine.

Warning, Indian Skimmer and Infamy are the only likely British runners at this stage, although *Media Starguest* is nominated as a reserve for the Mile.

Warning, the five-length conqueror of Salse in the Queen Elizabeth II at Ascot, will be out to make amends for Dancing Brave's Breeders' Cup defeat for Khalid Abdulla and Guy Harwood. "Warning will have his last serious work on Friday morning," said Geoff Lawson yesterday "He'll be flown out to Kentucky on Tuesday."

Both Indian Skimmer and Infamy were in action at Newmarket yesterday. Indian Skimmer galloped over nine furlongs, and Infamy, recently the winner of the Rothmans International in Toronto, worked seven furlongs with Sudden Love.

The turf track at Churchill Downs is sharp, as are all North American courses. It is a seven-furlong oval of banked bends with a run-in of less than two furlongs.

Yesterday a course spokesman said: "The track hasn't been used since June but is in excellent condition with a good covering of grass. There was half an inch of rain on Saturday and Sunday and more is forecast next weekend."

However, there is a world of difference between the British and American ideas of good going. The United States has just experienced one of the most severe droughts in its history and the rain that has fallen will hardly have been enough to ease conditions.

Everything will depend on next week's weather, and Cecil will wait until Sunday before reaching a decision. The draw for positions in the seven Breeders' Cup races will be made on November 2.

Gibbs also expressed surprise that Tony Bin, the winner of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, has not been invited to the Japan Cup. Hours After, the French Derby winner, who was placed only eighth in the rankings, has been asked to take part instead.

Safety measures agreed

Motorway-type orange cones are to be used on the take-off side of fences to steer the oncoming field clear of riders who have fallen at the same obstacle (Michael Seely writes).

A pilot scheme, to be conducted out at three or four courses, was agreed at a meeting in Portman Square yesterday. Dermot Browne and Lorcan Wyer represented the jockeys and Philip Arkwright the clerks of the course.

The urgent need for new safety measures was highlighted when Chris Grant sustained a broken leg when a horse jumped on him at Market Rasen last month.

The present measures involve using discs on the landing side of fences, which often cannot be seen in time by jockeys approaching the fence.

Two other possibilities were discussed. The idea of dolling off the whole fence, so that it war not jumped at all, but this was rejected as being confusing and in some cases impractical.

The third possibility is to stop the race altogether. This can already be done in rare cases, but the rules of racing are to be amended so that, when this occurs, the race is immediately declared void.

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Haverthwaite. 1.45 Involved Again. 2.15 Paulatim. 2.45 Tartan Takeover. 3.15 Broad Beam. 3.45 Old Malton.

Going: good

1.15 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (£1,365: 2m) (16 runners)

1 3221 POLLY POTTER 9 (G) J O'Neill 6-11-5 M Hammond
2 -110 LUCY LASTIC 22 (D,F,S) W Clay 4-11-4 Diane Clay (4)
3 84-0 BRIEF HIGHWAY 24 Mrs S Lamyman 5-11-0 D Telfer (7)
4 5 CANT SPELL 34 W Clay 6-11-0 D Pike (7)
5 6- CAT ISLAND 189 O Brennan 5-11-0 J J Quinn
6 00-2 DEPLETE 19 J Blundell 5-11-0 M Brennan
11 506- FRAMPTON HOUSE 171 M Charles 6-11-0 M Sharratt (7)
12 53-P GENERAL MEDFORD 20 M Skinner 5-11-0 D Dutton
13 02-1 HAVERTHWAITE 13 (D,G) M H Easterby 6-11-0 R Marley (4)
15 3P0- MONUMENTAL LAD 190 Mrs H Parrott 5-11-0 W Humphreys (4)
16 34 PALM LAD 22 G Richards 5-11-0 P Tuck
17 /00- PROVIDENCE BAY 248 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0 M Dwyer
18 0P- EXCAVATOR 198 C Tinkler 4-10-13 J Shortt
19 0-00 FARINA STREAM 15 (B) M Avison 4-10-13 G Harragh
20 0-0 KATIE'S MEADOW 15 R Hartop 4-10-13 J Barlow
21 0-00 SUPER SUE 22 P Beaumont 5-10-9 P A Farrell (4)

11-4 Deplete, 7-2 Polly Potter, 6-1 Lucy Lastic, 8-1 Providence Bay, 10-1 Haverthwaite, 12-1 others.

1.45 KINOULTON SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £790: 2m) (16)

1 0241 BUZZARDS MAID 12 (D,G) A Brown 10-8 R Fahey (4)
2 P BLUEMEL BOY 16 H O'Neill 10-7 J D Davies
4 0 CANESTRELLI 28F P Blockley 10-7 R Crank
5 0P COSMIC RAY 7 S Muldoon 10-7 D Dutton
6 00 HERMAN MUNSTER 10F J Norton 10-7 S J O'Neill
7 03 INVOLVED AGAIN 15 F O'Mahony 10-7 D Gallagher
8 05 JUBILENT KING 7 S Bowring 10-7 D Shaw
9 P PLAY TO WIN 3F W Wilson 10-7 Dale McKeown
11 3 TAIMEITUK 19 D Burchell 10-7 D J Burchell (4)
12 6 THE OVERNIGHT MAN 12 B McMahon 10-7 T Wall
13 60 YOUNG GERARD 23 M Chapman 10-7 J A Harris
14 U COLLEGE SUPREME 19 M Skinner 10-2 S Woods (4)
15 54 JASMIN PATH 7 H Fleming 10-2 K Burke
17 LUCKY CAN 17F T Fairhurst 10-2 M Dwyer
18 0F MAD MILLY 12 Mrs G Reveley 10-2 P Niven
19 RECORD HALMONY 12F F Watson 10-2 K Jones

3-1 Taimeituk, 10-3 Buzzards Maid, 5-1 Involved Again, 7-1 Jubilant King, 10-1 Young Gerard, 14-1 others.

2.15 COLONEL R THOMPSON MEMORIAL TROPHY (Handicap chase: £3,140: 3m 110yd) (3)

2 6815 SAM DA VINCI 12 (CD,F,G,S) J Blundell 9-11-10 M Brennan
3 212- PAULATIM 145 (CD,G,S) N Henderson 8-10-6 J White
4 4541 KYOTO 3 (D,F,G) J Jenkins 10-10-0 (4ex) —

11-8 Sam Da Vinci, 6-4 Paulatim, 5-2 Kyoto.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: D Burchell, 9 winners from 26 runners, 34.6%; S Christian, 4 from 12, 33.3%; Jimmy FitzGerald, 19 from 58, 32.8%; M Skinner, 5 from 16, 31.3%; J J O'Neill, 3 from 11, 27.3%; J Mackie, 4 from 15, 26.7%.

JOCKEYS: D J Burchell, 5 winners from 16 rides, 31.3%; M Dwyer, 21 from 96, 21.9%; J White, 3 from 18, 16.7%; P Niven, 7 from 45, 15.6%; R Crank, 11 from 82, 13.4%; M Hammond, 4 from 31, 12.9%.

2.45 NEWARK STORAGE NOVICES CHASE (£1,787: 3m 110yd) (13)

2 4241 RIMFIRE 7 (S) W Clay 13-11-5 R Bevan (7)
4 1 TARTAN TAKEOVER 6 (D,S) G Richards 6-11-5 P Tuck
6 0/44 BATTLE'S TOWN BOY 13 Mrs V Ward 8-10-11 —
8 PFP/ COZIE COHEN 521 (F) J Mackie 7-10-11 S J O'Neill
11 P-PP GIDDY BRIG 20 S Harris 7-10-11 S Keightley
13 KILCLOONEY FORREST O Brennan 6-10-11 M Brennan
14 /UP- KILMORE QUAY 187 A Rumsey 10-10-11 W Hayes (7)
15 F KNOCKAN BOY 12 C Beever 6-10-11 C Hawkins
18 55/2 PEARL MERCHANT 13 Mrs S Bramall 7-10-11 J O'Gorman (7)
17 000/ TARLETON ELM 438F O Brennan 8-10-11 J J Quinn
20 00-6 MRS MOLLY 13 C Saunders 8-10-6 Mrs J Saunders
21 96-0 CELTIC DREAM 20 T Bill 5-10-4 R Crank
22 3-21 MISS CLUB ROYAL 9 (G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-4 M Dwyer

Evens Tartan Takeover, 3-1 Miss Club Royal, 8-1 Pearl Merchant, 14-1 Rimfire, Battle's Town Boy, 16-1 others.

3.15 HERON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,769: 2m 74yd) (13)

3 -456 TRAFALGAR BLUE 15 (D,G,S) C Beever 8-12-3 C Dennis (4)
5 222- VULRORY'S CLOWN 255 (CD,BF,F,G) O Brennan 10-12-1 M Brennan
6 2-35 AL-ALAM 22 (CD,F,G) G Richards 6-12-0 P Tuck
7 3224 BROAD BEAM 12 (D,F,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-7 M Lynch
8 44-F ALDRO 7 (D,G,S) W Clay 12-11-7 J D Doyle
9 0-3P HIGH IMP 15 (CD,F,G,S) S Christian 8-11-6 A Mulholland (4)
12 55F6 NONSTOP 5 (D,F) P O'Connor 9-10-3 Mr G Hanmer
14 /540 THE HOUGH 51 Mrs G Reveley 7-10-0 P Niven
15 -FU6 LEISURETIME SMILE 24 (CD,G) N Bradley 7-10-0 —
16 539/ MISS TALLI 885 (D,S) R Hartop 9-10-0 J Barlow
17 5002 TIERENEE 7 (CD,F,S) F Barton 10-10-0 T Wall
18 5P-0 STREET LEVEL 12 (D,G) H O'Neill 7-10-0 J D Davies
19 F0F/ DOOR STEP 521 (D,F,S) C Radcliffe 12-10-0 Miss S Baxter (7)

11-4 Broad Beam, 7-2 Al-Alam, 4-1 Vulrory's Clown, 8-1 Tierenee, 8-1 High Imp, 10-1 others.

3.45 JACK LEVY MEMORIAL TROPHY (Handicap hurdle: £2,484: 2m 4f) (18)

1 032- MAN O'MAGIC 171 (B,C,F,G,S) K Bailey 7-11-10 Mr A Tory (7)
3 4045 CASUAL PASS 19 (F,S) G Richards 5-11-0 Mr P Doyle (7)
4 2-12 THIRD IN LINE 15 (D,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-11 M Dwyer
5 11-1 AUSTHORPE SUNSET 15 (C,F,G) H Wharton 4-10-11 (5ex) P Harte (4)
6 333- ARCTIC CAVALIER 204 (S) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-7 —
7 0-00 COPPER STREAK 15 (D,G,S) N Crump 8-10-3 C Hawkins
8 B10- NAP MAJESTICA 10F (C,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 5-10-3 M Brennan
9 03-1 OLD MALTON 7 (S) J Mackie 8-10-3 (5ex) S J O'Neill
10 80-1 ENCHANTED MAN 24 (H,CD,F,S) D Burchell 4-10-2 D J Burchell (4)
11 -441 HELLO GEORGIE 9 (D,F,G) M H Easterby 5-10-2 (5ex) R Garritty (7)
12 13/0 ARSONANT 9 (D,F,G,S) Mrs G Reveley 6-10-0 P Niven
13 36-6 GREEN TOPS 15 (S) M Avison 8-10-0 R Marley (4)
14 144- RIVER BED 168 (G) J Edwards 4-10-0 D Tegg
15 110- INFINITY RULES 10F (CD,G,S) S Mellor 7-10-0 G Landau
16 1- CHANCE REMARK 294 (D,S) J J O'Neill 5-10-0 M Hammond
18 1464 MIGHTY GLOW 9 (D,F) C Tinkler 4-10-0 R Fahey (4)
19 0PP- THARALEOS 12F (D,F,G,S) F Watson 8-10-0 K Jones
23 0-26 TIME-BEE 55 (B,F,S) J Smith 7-10-0 Miss S Baxter (7)

3-1 Hello Georgie, 4-1 Third in Line, 5-1 Old Malton, 6-1 Enchanted Man, 8-1 Arctic Cavalier, 10-1 Chance Remark, Nap Majestica, 14-1 others.

Chase series

Arlington Securities is to sponsor a £65,000 chase series culminating in a £30,000 final at Cheltenham on January 28. All the runners in the series, which begins at Worcester on Saturday, will be eligible for the final.

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WINCANTON

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 WILLIAM ANTHONY (nap).
1.30 Street Fighter.
2.00 Take No Trash.
2.30 Mountain Man.
3.00 Desert Orchid.
3.30 Perhaps Lucky.
4.00 Absolute Beginner.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.0 DESERT ORCHID.

Going: good

1.0 WITCHAMPTON NOVICES CHASE (Div I: £1,391: 2m 5f) (19 runners)

7 14P/B23- BIGSUN 244 (G) (J Horn) D Nicholson 7-11-4 R Dunwoody ● 99
8 000F/ BLACK BEETLE 582 (Mrs M Smith) Mrs M Smith 8-11-4 Mr R Greene (7) —
10 3/2425- CHIEF BUCKANEER 251 (W Whitbread) Mrs M Rimell 8-11-4 D Browne 92
11 P4-45PF CLUGA GURM 25 (C,G) (D Coombs) A Barrow 7-11-4 W Irvine (4) —
13 11-F340 DANNY'S LUCK 9 (C,F,G) (P Holden) D Barons 6-11-4 S Earle 71
15 4200/P-P ELVERCONE 20 (J Phillips) A J Wilson 7-11-4 S Cowley —
18 0/P FIDUCIARY DUTY 20 (Major A Pearn) J Honeyball 9-11-4 S McNeill —
19 480-P LEAVE IT OUT 54 (G Gregson) G Gregson 6-11-4 J Railton (7) —
24 PPP/44- PARDI NICKEL 380 (F) (A Weeks) C Popham 10-11-4 K Mooney —
27 P60P/5-6 PUCKA PADDY 14 (W McKenzie-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 11-11-4 P Dever —
32 324310- ROSCOE HARVEY 189 (G) (Mrs H Brockbank) C Brooks 6-11-4 P Scudamore —
33 22344P- ROVING GLEN 197 (D,F) (Mrs L Dresher) Mrs S Armytage 7-11-4 Gee Armytage 86
35 60/0F46- SOUND OF MRLL 194 (I Steers) P Bailey 6-11-4 B De Haan —
37 450FF-4 THE DOORMAKER 26 (A Harvey Ltd) T Forster 6-11-4 H Davies —
39 0P-U8F2 WILD GEESE 14 (C,S) (Mrs S Hobbs) P Hobbs 10-11-4 Peter Hobbs 78
40 0110P0- WILLIAM ANTHONY 284 (S) (Insight Cartons Ltd) N Gaselee 6-11-4 B Powell —
42 P00656- ERICA SUPERBA 187 (I Buchan) P Bailey 8-10-13 R Strange 75
44 P10600- GOLDEN JUNE 181 (S) (P Tennant) D Tucker 6-10-13 N Coleman —
50 000/0RB WILDWOOD MOSS 5 (D Hawkins) C Luxton 9-10-13 Mr C Meade (7) —

BETTING: 9-4 Roscoe Harvey, 3-1 Bigsun, 4-1 Chief Buckaneer, 7-1 Danny's Luck, 10-1 others.

FORM BIGSUN looks set to make his mark in novice chases this season and can open his account. He was 4l 2nd to Ballyhane at Sandown (2m 4f good to soft), and 10l 3rd to Twin Oaks at Kempton (3m good to soft) in novice chases last term.

CHIEF BUCKANEER was 3l 2nd to Bespoke on his chasing bow last season at Kempton (2m 4f heavy) while ROSCOE HARVEY won a novice hurdle last season, beating Golden Rapier 3l, at Devon (2m 1f good).

THE DOORMAKER ran a fine 5l 4th to Stormwatch, on his reappearance in a novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f good) but failed to complete on his two starts over fences last season. WILD GEESE chased home Some Panic, beaten 1½l, here last time (2m good) in a novice chase.

Selection: BIGSUN (nap)

1.30 NETHER WALLOP NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,214: 2m 6f) (18 runners)

1 P03-541 FRENCH HABITAT 14 (V,CD,G) (Mrs W Davis) P Davis 6-11-3 Tanya Davis (4) ● 99
2 04000-2 STREETFIGHTER 16 (B,BF,F) (R Payne) J Baker 4-11-3 M Williams 95
5 091- ADAMS IMPRINT 189 (F) (D Lowe) J Edwards 5-10-10 T Morgan —
6 8P-63 AFRICANUS MAJOR 19 (Winterbourne Ltd) L Corbett 4-10-10 A Charlton (4) —
8 0P-0 AMUSEMENT 13 (Mrs C Harrison) P Hedger 5-10-10 C Smith —
9 CORUSCATE (H Joel) J Gifford 6-10-10 R Rowe —
13 MAGIC ISLAND 1263F (D Bell) D Burchell 6-10-10 W Knox —
14 06/5 MONTALINO 14 (Mrs M Tufnell) P Bailey 5-10-10 R Strange 95
20 60/030-5 ROSTREAMER 50 (Miss D Forsyth) C Bravery 5-10-10 R Dunwoody 96
21 P0PRP-0 STEVE'S BOY 29 (M Rogers) R Curtis 8-10-10 S Mason (7) —
22 TEAM LEADER (Lord Chelsea) T Forster 5-10-10 H Davies —
24 P000-34 WATERSMEET DOWN 22 (R Wright) P Hobbs 5-10-10 Peter Hobbs 91
26 0-5 FAIRYTALE-ENDING 9 (Mrs D Stamp) G Gracey 7-10-5 D Morris 90
28 0/0-40 LAURA'S STAR 9 (M Churches) M Churches 6-10-5 Mr R Greene (7) —
29 06445-F MISHY'S STAR 23 (Mrs V Forte) J Forte 6-10-5 A Forte (7) 83
31 00P-0PP THE FURNITUREMAKER 14 (G Amey) D Gandolfo 5-10-5 S McNeill 92

BETTING: 11-4 Streetfighter, 4-1 Coruscate, 11-2 French Habitat, 8-1 Team Leader, 12-1 others.

FORM STREETFIGHTER can regain the winning thread after chasing home Chiropodist, beaten 3l, at Newton Abbot last time (2m 150 yd good to soft).

FRENCH HABITAT scored a course and distance success (good) a fortnight ago and can confirm placings with 5th placed MONTALINO, beaten around 4½l, under a 7lb penalty. ROSTREAMER finished a well beaten 5th, behind Muhajjal, on his seasonal bow at Fontwell (2m 2f good to firm).

WATERSMEET DOWN held every chance when making a mistake at the 3rd last, recovering to finish 18l 4th to Norman Invader, last time at Cheltenham (2m firm). ADAMS IMPRINT won a bumper on his final appearance last season, beating Riverside Boy 1½l, at Cheltenham (2m firm).

Selection: STREETFIGHTER

2.0 WITCHAMPTON NOVICES CHASE (Div II: £1,391: 2m 5f) (18 runners)

4 621F40- ANOTHER SCHEDULE 189 (BF,F,G) (Mrs V Black) C Brooks 7-11-4 B De Haan —
5 320-03 ARCHIE'S NEPHEW 7 (S) (R Barber) R Barber 7-11-4 S McNeill 94
6 /00PP-B BERGEN BABY 5 (W Barons) D Barons 7-11-4 N Hawke (7) —
14 6/ DARTON RI 555 (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 5-11-4 R Dunwoody —
17 225212- KODIAK ISLAND 194 (BF,S) (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 6-11-4 S Sherwood —
20 1130-42 LE CAROTTE 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs J May) P Hobbs 6-11-4 Peter Hobbs 95
21 28/520-0 LUCKY FEN 16 (F) (P Purdy) B Forsey 8-11-4 N Coleman 81
23 0P844-2 NICOGHAN 15 (Southern Racing Ltd) D Barons 6-11-4 M Richards 92
25 0111-1F PHAROAH'S LAEN 16 (F,S) (T Johnsey) M Pipe 7-11-4 P Scudamore —
26 B00/ POP AHEAD 1090 (Mrs R McKenzie-Coles) W McKenzie-Coles 10-11-4 P Dever —
28 58P6P-0 RAMBLING ECHO 19 (B,G) (R Smith) P Jones 7-11-4 M Kinane 77
29 2/08F3-6 RANDOM CHARGE 19 (P De Wilde) A Turnell 7-11-4 Steve Knight ● 99
31 803-250 RONOCCO 14 (F) (G Stickland) G Stickland 6-11-4 Mr G Stickland 74
34 210124- SIR'S AT THE GIN 190 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs P Gibbings) J Gifford 7-11-4 R Rowe —
36 1/1116P- TAKE NO TRASH 225 (S) (E Bronfman) N Henderson 7-11-4 J Osborne —
38 413603- UNDER OFFER 204 (D,S) (Miss S Douglas-Pennant) P Bailey 7-11-4 B Powell —
43 3102F-4 FLYING CHERUB 23 (F,S) (Mrs J Retter) Mrs J Retter 7-10-13 A Jones —
46 60500-3 KELLYANN 14 (S) (R Kelly) W Fisher 5-10-13 — 98

BETTING: 2-1 Take No Trash, 3-1 Sir's At The Gin, 4-1 Kodiak Island, 6-1 Pharoah's Laen, 10-1 others.

FORM UNDER OFFER is likely to run well on his chasing bow. Finished 3rd on his final start over hurdles last term, beaten 7l by Prime Oats, at Ascot (2m 4f good). SIR'S AT THE GIN, 2nd in the Ascot event, 1l in front of the selection, and ANOTHER SCHEDULE 4th, 2l behind the selection, both reoppose on 5lb worse terms.

KODIAK ISLAND boasts useful hurdling form and won a minor event at Newton Abbott (2m 150 yd heavy) by 20l from Royal Battery. TAKE NO TRASH scored three times over hurdles early last season, culminating in a 10l defeat of Prairie Oyster at Ascot (3m good to soft) and has won a point-to-point in Ireland.

RANDOM CHARGE looks to have the best credentials of those with form over fences. Finished a fine 3rd, beaten 9l by Delius, on his final start last season at Huntingdon (2m 4f good).

Selection: RANDOM CHARGE

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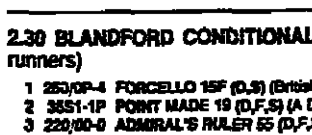

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2.30 BLANDFORD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,408: 2m) (20 runners)

1 250/0P-4 FORCELLO 15F (D,S) (British Thoroughbred R & B Plc) G Balding 5-11-10 A Charlton 90
2 3551-1P POINT MADE 19 (D,F,S) (A Deal) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-9 J Leech 91
3 220/00-0 ADMIRAL'S RULER 55 (D,F,S) (Mrs F Walwyn) F Walwyn 8-11-6 G Piper —
4 211611 CELCIUS 20 (B,D,F) (M Pipe) M Pipe 4-11-6 (7ex) R Macneice 91
5 00050-4 MOUNTAIN MAN 5 (D,F,G,S) (C McDonagh) R Dickin 12-10-12 M Jones 90
6 P-33080 BABY SIGH 14 (D,F,G) (G Stickland) G Stickland 6-10-11 R Boucher 93
7 515164 HOME COMMAND 14 (D,BF,F,G) (S Martin) J Bradley 6-10-10 D Williams 87
10 260230- QUEEN MATILDA 202 (O Stokes) D Jermy 4-10-8 — 99
11 00025P- MYSTERY CLOCK 206 (B,S) (Miss L Townsend) P Bailey 5-10-7 T Pinfield ● 99
12 0-50080 RYANS DOVE 5 (D,S) (M Pipe) M Pipe 7-10-4 M Foster 91
13 2415-05 ROBERT FROST 15 (D,G) (C Harvey) G Gracey 6-10-3 M Cassidy 92
14 300/600- FIRMITER 190 (G Johnson) N Henderson 6-10-2 J Railton 95
15 58P104- RAGTIME SOLO 229 (D,S) (P Harris) R Hodges 4-10-1 W Irvine —
16 48/PP DEPUTY MONARCH 15 (Mrs J Gray) F Gray 5-10-0 M Crosse 84
17 040F0-4 POLO BOY 15 (G Balding) G Balding 8-10-0 S Foster —
18 5/046-6 FIC VIC 23 (B Coleman) Mrs J Retter 5-10-0 M Muggeridge —
19 035034- MAID MALEEN 21F (E Finch) M Usher 4-10-0 P Holley —
20 P/PPPP- GRAHAMES PADDY 253 (G Dedman) Mrs P Townsley 8-10-0 — —
21 PP0F56- RUSTICA SILK 154 (J King) J King 7-10-0 T Barry —
22 002/00-P COOL THOMAS 14 (N Dunger) G Kindersley 9-10-0 A Morgan —

Long handicap: Deputy Monarch 9-8, Polo Boy 9-8, Fic Vic 9-5, Maid Maleen 9-5, Grahames Paddy 9-5, Rustica Silk 9-5, Cool Thomas 9-5.

BETTING: 2-1 Celcius, 5-2 Point Made, 5-1 Home Command, 7-1 Firmiter, 8-1 Forcello, 12-1 others.

FORM MOUNTAIN MAN ran a fine race when 4½l 3rd behind Tamatour in a competitive handicap at Stratford (2m) on his seasonal debut. He should have benefited from that race and is the one to be on.

MYSTERY CLOCK was pulled up on his final start last term but had previously finished 1½l 2nd to Llanarmon at Wolverhampton (2m). POLO BOY was 11l 4th behind Royal Effigy at Plumpton (2m) with ROBERT FROST (6lb better off) 1½l 5th and RYANS DOVE (11lb better off) not in the first nine.

Selection: MOUNTAIN MAN

3.0 TERRY BIDDLECOMBE CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE (£3,694: 2m 5f) (5 runners)

2 2132P3- BISHOPS YARN 190 (C,D,G,S) (British Thoroughbred Plc) G Balding 9-11-8 Richard Guest 75
4 232211- DESERT ORCHID 187 (CD,F,G,S) (R Burridge) D Elsworth 9-11-8 S Sherwood ● 99
6 R3100-U GOLDEN FRIEND 9 (C,BF,F,G,S) (D Meade) Mrs M Rimell 10-11-8 D Browne 83
7 13/023F- HARD CASE 201 (G,S) (Lady Thomson) T Forster 10-11-8 H Davies 60
8 432431 MAITREDEE 8 (F,G,S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing Ltd) N Mitchell 9-11-8 N Coleman 50

BETTING: 2-5 Desert Orchid, 7-2 Bishops Yarn, 10-1 Hard Case, 14-1 Golden Friend, 16-1 Maitredee.

FORM DESERT ORCHID, the Racehorse of the Year, won this event last term when beating Sugar Bee by a distance; later won the Whitbread Gold Cup, in which he beat Kildimo by 2½l, among his successes.

GOLDEN FRIEND unseated his rider at Fontwell (3m 2f 110 yd) on his seasonal debut. Consistent — he won two chases last term, including a listed event at Newbury (3m) — but may find today's trip on the sharp side.

BISHOPS YARN ran his best race last season when 4l 2nd to Smart Tar at Cheltenham (2m 4f). HARD CASE, a useful stayer in Ireland, fell in the Grand National last season, while MAITREDEE would be 94lb better off with DESERT ORCHID in a handicap.

Selection: DESERT ORCHID

3.30 DORSET HANDICAP CHASE (£3,184: 3m 1f) (8 runners)

6 U20114- COMEDY LANE 182 (CD,F,S) (A Stoddart) D Barons 9-11-10 S Earle 93
7 PFP-1U2 PERHAPS LUCKY 12 (C,F,G) (Mrs V Hodges) P Hobbs 11-11-8 Peter Hobbs ● 99
8 5224P0/ THE COUNTY STONE 560 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs A Taylor) Miss J Thorne 11-11-5 N Dawe —
9 0302P-3 CO MEMBER 20 (CD,G,S) (Mrs J Finding) T Forster 12-11-2 H Davies 96
10 P/134UP- IVOR ANTHONY 286 (B,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 7-11-1 P Scudamore 98
11 1/332U- GOLDEN DELICIOUS 180 (F,G) (J Macdonald-Buchanan) D Nicholson 8-11-1 R Dunwoody 95
12 01F/P-0F FINAL CLEAR 14 (D,F,S) (J Old) J Old 10-10-10 C Llewellyn 92
13 F054P1- HARBOUR BRIDGE 219 (V,F,S) (Mrs A Lacey) P Bailey 8-10-4 B Powell 97

BETTING: 7-4 Co Member, 5-2 Perhaps Lucky, 4-1 Harbour Bridge, 7-1 Ivor Anthony 10-1 others.

FORM PERHAPS LUCKY failed to complete the course in seven attempts last term. However, he made a very promising seasonal debut when beating General Joy by 5l at Stratford (2m 6f) and put up a good performance to finish 7l 2nd to Acarine at Kempton (3m) last time.

CO MEMBER, a triple course and distance winner, was a head and 1l 3rd behind Godfather's Gift at Worcester (3m) on seasonal debut and should be better for that race.

HARBOUR BRIDGE won his final race last season when beating Alte-Xpress by 12l at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd). GOLDEN DELICIOUS unseated his rider on his final start last term but had previously ran on into 2nd behind Bold Acclaim, beaten 4l, at Huntingdon (3m)

Selection: PERHAPS LUCKY

4.0 NETHER WALLOP NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,212: 2m 6f) (23 runners)

3 F3- ABSOLUTE BEGINNER 199 (Mrs M Kelsey Fry) T Forster 6-10-10 C Llewellyn —
4 045-03 ALPHASONIC 13 (BF) (Mrs J Locke) P Cundell 4-10-10 M Perrett ● 99
5 6B AYANDEE 7 (A Raison) K Bishop 6-10-10 S Earle —
6 PP- BENT STRAIGHT 245 (B Ryall) S Ryall 6-10-10 L Harvey —
7 00/ CHILLI SAUCE 582 (C Bullmore) G Balding 7-10-10 A Charlton (4) —
8 00PP/ DANISH PAUPER 583 (G Holmes) G Ham 7-10-10 S Mackey (7) —
9 0/P0PP-0 DUNSEL BOY 15 (Mrs H Noonan) M Barraclough 5-10-10 P Dever —
11 P/4424- GOLDEN RAPIER 178 (G) (Southern Racing Ltd) D Barons 7-10-10 — 97
12 F033-P HA'PENNY BRIDGE 57 (M Bull) N Ayliffe 5-10-10 M Ayliffe 91
13 0PF0- HIGHLAND SON 184 (Robinson Webster Ltd) A Turnell 7-10-10 Steve Knight —
14 3/6080- PONTEUS PILOT 259 (R Good) D Gandolfo 7-10-10 S McNeill —
15 23/082- RADWHAW 16F (R Bedding) T Etherington 7-10-10 E Murphy 83
16 ROBESON (R Bowes) J Gifford 5-10-10 R Rowe —
18 8200-56 SIRUNDY 6 (B Jones) W Price 7-10-10 A Price (7) 91
21 00-P TOMADDY 20 (Edward & Susan Dexter Ltd) N Henderson 5-10-10 J Osborne —
22 05000-5 TYRED N'SNOOKERD 16 (J Whelan) P Hedger 4-10-10 M Richards 90
24 0000/ BALLY REBEL (D Bell) Burchell 4-10-5 W Knox —
26 43 CAME COTTAGE 14 (Mrs E Mitchell) N Mitchell 8-10-5 N Coleman 93
27 0/00050- DI'S DELIGHT 248 (C Bravery) C Bravery 6-10-5 H Davies 83
28 0PF/P00 DOURAINE'S LIGHT 28 (Rod Taylor) W Turner 7-10-5 G Charles Jones —
29 00032- HI' UPHAM 191 (R Brinkworth) D Gandolfo 6-10-5 S Smith Eccles 94
30 00-0 KIPARISSIA 16 (C Henty) P Bailey 5-10-5 B Powell —
31 2000- QUAY WALL 191 (Duke of Devonshire) F Walwyn 5-10-5 K Mooney 94

BETTING: 11-4 Golden Rapier, 7-2 Alphasonic, 9-2 Absolute Beginner, 6-1 Quay Wall, 8-1 others.

FORM ALPHASONIC was gambled on when 12½l 3rd behind Alcatraz at Market Rasen (3m) last time. He gave the impression he failed to stay that day and should appreciate this drop in distance. HI' UPHAM ran on well to finish ¾l 2nd of 17 to Rymer's Pearl at Devon & Exeter (2m1f), with QUAY WALL (1lb better off) 15th, on his final start last term.

GOLDEN RAPIER put up his best effort when 3l 2nd to Roscoe Harvey at Devon (2m 1f). DI'S DELIGHT finished a poor 8th of 19 behind Envopak Token at Fontwell (2m 6f) with TYRED N'SNOOKERD (6lb worse off) not in the first 10.

Selection: ALPHASONIC

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
F Walwyn	9	36	25.0
Mrs M Rimell	5	20	25.0
Mrs J Pitman	11	51	21.6
D Elsworth	19	94	20.2
J Gifford	7	36	19.4
M Pipe	12	65	18.5

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Smith Eccles	6	28	21.4
R Rowe	6	30	20.0
P Scudamore	17	90	18.9
B deHaan	8	44	18.2
K Mooney	10	59	16.9
H Davies	14	94	14.9

FOLKESTONE

Selections

By Mandarin
12.15 Safawan.
12.45 Major Jacko.
1.15 Chez Nick.
1.45 Boules.
2.15 Ever Welcome.
2.45 Best Of British.
3.15 Prince Satire.
3.45 Brother Patrick.
4.15 Deep Reef.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
12.15 SAFAWAN (nap).
12.45 Beechwood Cottage.
1.15 Chez Nick.
1.45 Boules.
2.15 Bonny Quiver.
2.45 Good Medicine.
3.15 Hidden Planet.
3.45 Brother Patrick.
4.15 Momser.

By Michael Seely
12.15 SAFAWAN (nap). 2.15 Fresh From Victory. 4.15 Deep Reef.
Martin Julian's (Sunday Times) revised nap: 4.15 DEEP REEF.

Going: soft **Draw: No advantage**

12.15 BURWASH MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £1,117: 6f) (20 runners)

1 (16) 00 ANURAG (B) (B Donald) W Musson 9-0 A Mackay —
3 (9) 0 BALLY KNIGHT 16 (Skatools Ltd) J Shaw 9-0 M Giles —
4 (7) 0 EARTH BEAM 16 (J Rowe) J Payne 9-0 G Duffield 79
5 (18) 000 EL-PAYASO 27 (M Jones) Pat Mitchell 9-0 S O'Gorman (5) —
6 (13) 360450 FLYING JUNCTION 49 (B) (Mrs P Hobbs) R Hannon 9-0 B Rouse 85
8 (17) 00 LOADSAMONEY 10 (M Bolingbroke) D Murray-Smith 9-0 R Wernham —
9 (20) 34 MARK BIRLEY 68 (Mrs R Hambro) P Walwyn 9-0 M Roberts 83
13 (1) 02 SAFAWAN 22 (BF) (Aga Khan) M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn ● 99
15 (2) TICKLE YOUR FANCY (J Creswell) J Bennett 9-0 J Carter (5) —
16 (3) 0 ALDINGTON COMEDIEN 21 (B) (C Wheatley) J Jenkins 8-9 G Bardwell (3) —
19 0 02 CRYSTAL SPRITE 23 (Wing Cmdr T Vigors) C Wall 8-9 N Day 98
20 (19) 8 DEBBIE'S CHOICE 49 (T Nicholls) R Curtis 8-9 C Rutter —
21 (14) 00 DEEMSTER WILLOW 21 (J Grimes) G Balding 8-9 J Williams —
22 (4) 00 EUROLADY 17 (J Galvanoni) R Hutchinson 8-9 G Carter —
23 (5) FALSE START (M Oberstein) W Hastings-Bass 8-9 Dean McKeown —
24 (6) 04 GALAPAGOS 16 (K Al-Said) D Elsworth 8-9 W Newnes 82
26 (10) 04 MASIRAH 29 (Mrs M Taylor) M Jarvis 8-9 B Raymond 80
27 (15) 5058 MIAMI PEARL 80 (D Lee) B Stevens 8-9 D McKay 15 —
28 (8) 04 TROPICAL NIGHTS 12 (R Hutchinson) R Hutchinson 8-9 J Reid 79
29 (12) 00 VILLA BIANCA 10 (G Ferrari) M Ryan 8-9 N Gwilliams (7) 85

BETTING: 11-10 Safawan, 5-2 Crystal Sprite, 5-1 Galapagos, 8-1 False Start, 10-1 others.

12.45 HURSTMONCEUX HANDICAP (£1,524: 6f) (20 runners)

4 (9) 040020 BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 10 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) A Bailey 5-9-10 B Raymond 98
5 (10) 805000 ALBERT HENRY 7 (G,S) (A Mansfield) R Voorspuy 4-9-8 B Rouse 94
6 (7) 203553 WHAT A GUY 37 (D,F) (B Warren) P Mitchell 4-9-6 W Ryan 91
7 (20) 160030 SANDITTON PALACE 7 (F,G) (J Abell) P Felgate 5-9-6 W R Swinburn 90
8 (8) 215064 SOCIAL ASSET 22 (V,S) (I Sandell) L Cottrell 3-9-6 I Johnson 92
9 (14) 233104 COUNT ME OUT 6 (B,D,F) (Mrs K Sneath) R Hoad 3-9-4 J Reid 92
11 (19) 050400 CREE BAY 10 (B,D,F,G,S) (D Oseman) J Spearing 9-9-3 M Roberts 90
12 (3) 0-63600 TAPESTRY PRINTS 10 (S) (K Turner) M Haynes 3-9-3 C Rutter 89
14 (13) 002204 MOON WARRIOR 16 (P Allen) D Wilson 3-8-13 T Quinn 94
15 (15) 03-0000 OUT ON A FLYER 10 (D,F,G) (A Hunt) D Elsworth 4-8-10 W Newnes 88
16 (17) 562000 LONDON STANDARD 21 (B) (H Buxton) P Mitchell 3-8-10 S Cairns (7) 94
17 (16) 00-000 NUTWOOD EMMA 57 (E Kendrick) H O'Neill 3-8-8 M Wigham 80
19 (5) 446855 CORN STREET 3 (D,F,G,S) (M Wilkins) J Bosley 10-8-7 G Carter 92
20 0 05-0000 PARK VISTA 15 (Mrs V O'Brien) Pat Mitchell 3-8-6 S O'Gorman (5) 80
21 (11) 656303 WELLOW WINE 13 (R Bennett) R Bennett 3-8-6 D McKay 91
22 (2) 036401 MAJOR JACKO 16 (S) (CD) (J Horgan) R Hannon 5-8-6 A McGlone ● 99
23 (4) 002000 STEVEJAN 8 (D,F,S) (K Drewry) B Morgan 6-8-4 N Gwilliams (7) 92
24 (18) 008650 MAIDEN BIDDER 16 (D,F,G) (J Hollins) D Wilson 6-8-4 T Williams 90
25 (1) 301030 SHARI LOUISE 2 (B,D,F,S) (Dr S Foster) J Spearing 5-8-2 G Hind (5) 93
26 (12) 0-0002 VICKENDA 10 (V) (Z Papastylianou) C Allen 3-8-0 G Bardwell (3) 95

BETTING: 4-1 Major Jacko, 9-2 Wellow Wine, 5-1 Moon Warrior, 6-1 What A Guy, 8-1 Social Asset, 10-1 Corn Street, Vickenda, 12-1 others.

1.15 BURWASH MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (Div II: Part I: 2-Y-O: £959: 6f) (16 runners)

5 (5) 6 CHEZ NICK 12 (Mrs J Finucane) W Hastings-Bass 9-0 Dean McKeown —
8 (12) INTENSIVE (B) (A Foustok) W O'Gorman 9-0 T Ives —
13 (7) MRS WING COMMANDER (Rokdale Limited) N Callaghan 9-0 J Williams —
16 (9) 0 RUIZ MIGUEL 16 (B Mills) L Cottrell 9-0 I Johnson —
23 (1) 6 TENDER DEALER 16 (J Galvanoni) R Hutchinson 9-0 J Reid 89
24 (16) UXONTORIUS (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0 B Rouse —
25 (2) 4306 VAIGLY PERCEPTIVE 47 (A Shenston) B Stevens 9-0 D McKay ● 99
26 (3) 400 WISHAWAY 23 (C Wacker III) R Armstrong 9-0 M Roberts 85
27 (10) CAVENDISH DIAMOND (S Millard) R Simpson 8-9 J Curant —
29 (15) 8 D'YQUEM 24 (T Barker) M Usher 8-9 A McGlone 98
30 (13) 6 EVENING AFFAIR 6 (K Bethel) R Boss 8-9 B Raymond 98
33 (6) 06000 JOY'S TOY 43 (Mrs D Willett) Pat Mitchell 8-9 S O'Gorman (5) 87
35 (4) 0 LAP OF THE GODS 7 (J Rowland) P Arthur 8-9 NON-RUNNER —
39 (8) TAYLORS QUEEN (Taylors of Soham Ltd) F Durr 8-9 M Rimmer —
40 (11) 00 THAMESFIELD DOUBLE 61 (A Morgan) M Fetherston-Godley 8-9 N Howe —
42 (14) 5 TRIPLE WISH 26 (Midhurst Farm Inc) D Laing 8-9 T Williams —

BETTING: 5-2 Wishaway, 7-2 Intensive, 4-1 Evening Affair, 6-1 Chez Nick, 8-1 others.

1.45 BURWASH MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (Div II: Part II: 2-Y-O: £959: 6f) (16 runners)

4 (10) 5 BOULES 7 (Mrs I Pilkington) W Hastings-Bass 9-0 W Ryan 97
6 (8) 00 GRANEMORE 26 (H Haughey) J Bethell 9-0 T Quinn —
7 (2) 000 HAKEDMA 7 (M Palmer) W Brooks 9-0 B Raymond —
10 (1) 0 MEADS BROW 16 (I J Paterson) R Voorspuy 9-0 N Adams —
14 (7) 30 MZEFF 7 (K Al-Said) D Elsworth 9-0 C Rutter 89
15 (3) 00 ROCQUAINE 22 (B) (R Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 9-0 S Whitworth 73
18 (16) 0 SHADOW BOXER 21 (Mrs S St. George) J Sutcliffe 9-0 M Wigham —
19 (5) 00 SHIFTY ALBERT 25 (B) (A Baker) J Long 9-0 J Stenning (7) —
20 (4) 0 SILVER OWL 21 (D Hunnisett) R Smyth 9-0 M Roberts —
21 (6) 050 SMACHT 13 (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0 B Rouse 77
22 (12) 03 SUNWIND 24 (R Maughan) L Cottrell 9-0 I Johnson 80
34 (11) 232 KIWI MAGIC 5 (R Hutchinson) R Hutchinson 8-9 J Reid ● 99
36 (9) 00 MISS CELEBRITY 44 (Mrs E McManus) D Murray-Smith 8-9 R Wernham —
37 (15) 05 STELLAJOE 120 (J Stone) A Davison 8-9 — —
38 (13) 0 STRAW BID 16 (C Spencer-Phillips) John FitzGerald 8-9 R Hills 81
41 (14) 0 TOP OF THE BARLEY 63 (M Bryant) P Arthur 8-9 NON-RUNNER —

BETTING: 15-8 Boules, 100-30 Sunwind, 9-2 Kiwi Magic, 6-1 Mzeff, 8-1 Smacht, 10-1 others.

2.15 HIGHLAND SPRING/ROA HANDICAP (£2,052: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

3 (3) 160550 FLEET SPECIAL 16 (D,F,G) (I Matthews) I Matthews 6-9-10 N Day 93
4 (9) 405531 SUPER LUNAR 22 (G) (Mrs J Hopkins) L Cottrell 4-9-6 I Johnson 93
5 (12) 42301-0 CEDESA 192 (F) (J Livock) J Jenkins 4-9-5 — 86
6 (7) 004201 TURBAN 24 (G) (R McCreery) D Elsworth 3-9-5 S Dawson 94
7 (11) 0-30100 BONNY QUIVER 12 (CD,G) (Mrs M Watt) John FitzGerald 3-9-2 R Hills 95
8 (1) 1/00300 MOUNT TUMBLEDOWN 12 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Collins) R Hannon 7-9-2 B Rouse 93
9 (2) 510-000 RATHER TOUCHING 13 (F) (A O'Connell Ltd) C Wall 3-8-13 B Raymond 89
10 (4) 0005 FRESH FROM VICTORY 124 (P Deal) H Candy 4-8-13 W Newnes 87
11 (8) 106-010 OPEN ALL HOURS 177 (D,S) (Britannic Travel Ltd) R Akehurst 6-8-12 Ron Hills (5) 92
12 (6) 1550/50 CHANTILLY LACE 12J (S) (V Guy) Mrs A Knight 4-8-10 A Culhane (3) 92
13 (5) 405000 SPHINX 9 (S) (J Bostock) J Jenkins 4-8-9 J Williams 96
14 (14) 000063 EVER WELCOME 19 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 3-8-8 J Reid ● 99
15 (15) 425040 MILLPOND BOY 52 (D,S) (R Hodges) R Hodges 4-8-6 C Rutter 97
17 (10) 066-560 STEEL CYGNET 16 (G,B) (Mrs J Gray) G Enright 5-8-5 S O'Gorman (5) 97
19 (13) 040044 JUST TOO BRAVE 24 (B) (M Stoneman) M McCourt 5-8-4 T Quinn 97

BETTING: 7-2 Ever Welcome, 4-1 Super Lunar, 6-1 Turban, 13-2 Open All Hours, 8-1 Fleet Special, Just Too Brave, 10-1 Mount Tumbledown, 12-1 others.

2.45 BIDDENDEN SELLING STAKES (£952: 1m 4f) (15 runners)

1 (2) 00-0000 KEYBOARD PRINCE 17 (B) (Miss V Markowiak) J Long 4-9-1 J Stenning (7) —
2 (1) 000000 MILAN FAIR 10 (V) (A Richards) C Austin 4-9-1 T Williams —
3 (4) 04/0 SHUKO 96 (M Owen) P Howling 4-9-1 W Newnes —
4 (6) 000304- TA WARDLE 28J (D Ives) M Bolton 4-9-1 J Reid 74
5 (7) 224200 BABY COME HOME 5 (B,D,G) (V Guy) Mrs A Knight 4-8-12 I Johnson 96
7 (14) 250004 CATHERINE SCHRATT 16 (G) (D Hunnisett) R Smyth 4-8-12 M Roberts 83
9 (11) 000000 HONEY PLUM 16 (D,F) (J O'Donoghue) J O'Donoghue 4-8-12 R Fox —
11 (15) 204400 LILARDIA 45 (D,F) (J Abell) P Felgate 4-8-12 W Ryan 89
15 (12) 062605 GOOD MEDICINE 9 (V,S) (D Sutherland) P Felden 3-8-6 G Duffield 85
16 (3) 052000 SHAHI DANCER 14 (B) (Miss S Hamilton) D Wintle 3-8-6 C McNamee ● 99
17 (5) 605000 WEST LEAT 17 (B) (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 3-8-6 Paul Eddery 84
18 (9) 500402 BEST OF BRITISH 23 (BF) (J Blumenow) D Arbuthnot 3-8-3 G Bardwell (3) 95
19 (8) 0-46 BOLD BONNY 113 (A Piller) W Wilson 3-8-3 Dean McKeown 91
21 (10) 600550 CHASMARELLA 9J (Mrs G Davison) A Davison 3-8-3 — 84
23 (13) 006620 ROCKALONG 8 (Mrs O Lusty) D Hanley 3-8-3 C Rutter 87

BETTING: 3-1 Best of British, 4-1 Good Medicine, 11-2 Rockalong, 13-2 Baby Come Home, 8-1 Catherine Schratt, 10-1 Lilardia, 12-1 others.

3.15 LEEDS AMATEUR RIDERS STAKES (Div I: £1,110: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

5 (12) 354/06-0 ORYX MINOR 30 (S) (D) (R Trumper) S Mellor 8-11-9 Linda Mellor —
6 (7) 1-22245 PRINCE SATIRE 104 (S) (CD) (Britannic Travel Ltd) R Akehurst 5-11-9 T McCarthy 82
8 (11) 100000 THIN RED LINE 7J (G) (A Tunstall) J Jenkins 4-11-9 Caroline Eddery ● 99
10 (4) 505000 ANFIELD'S STAR 9 (Mrs E O'Sullivan) D Wilson 4-11-5 Elaine Bronson —
12 (6) 0-20000 CABALLINE 26 (Peter Lancaster) M Haynes 4-11-5 Yvonne Haynes —
13 (8) 32300/ CHRISTO 225J (B) (D Clarke) D Wintle 6-11-5 Sharon Murgatroyd —
17 (10) BEBEK 1179 (Mrs L Jones) A Moore 5-11-2 G Upton —
19 (9) 00-001 HIDDEN PLANET 23 (D,F) (R Cowell) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-11-2 R Cowell 76
29 (13) COWORTH PARK (M Gibbon) P Mitchell 3-10-9 R Teal —
30 (3) 000 DISK MAKER 21 (Mrs S McGarvie) R Curtis 3-10-9 Tina Pile —
32 (1) 00 KADIR 103 (M Walsh) R Bennett 3-10-9 T Grantham 81
34 (2) 000- POWER REIGNS 507 (Mrs K Baldry) P Butler 3-10-9 — —
37 (5) 300003 SUPER GUNNER 19 (J Maxwell) M Fetherston-Godley 3-10-9 D Benneyworth 82

BETTING: 2-1 Thin Red Line, 5-2 Super Gunner, 7-2 Hidden Planet, 5-1 Prince Satire, 10-1 others.

3.45 LEEDS AMATEUR RIDERS STAKES (Div II: £1,102: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

1 (5) 00-0000 AKROTIRI BAY 38 (F) (B Bates) D Wilson 4-11-12 Elaine Bronson —
3 (6) 3/2534-3 BROTHER PATRICK 77 (BF,F) (G Mazza) Miss M Piggott 4-11-9 Jennie Goulding 98
7 (8) 240631 RUN HIGH 13 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Mitchell) P Mitchell 5-11-9 D Benneyworth 81
9 (11) 631- REGAL SANTA 189J (C Hume) P Butler 8-11-6 M Armytage —
14 (7) 005/6- COLONEL POPSKI 145J (C Kirchin) Miss A King 6-11-6 Joanna Winter —
15 (1) 000000 L J'S PARROT 13 (B) (Al-Deera Ltd) G Fytche 7-11-5 Linda Mellor —
16 (4) 62555/ MR WHAT'S-HIS-NAME 189J (Mrs M Lovelock) G Enright 5-11-5 Midge Enright —
18 (8) CATTIVA (Miss A Newton-Smith) R Voorspuy 7-11-2 Anna Newton-Smith —
20 0 505500 MAYRONI 5 (Mrs F Adam) A Bailey 4-11-2 Sharon Murgatroyd 10 83
21 (12) 00000/- RIBBLE STAR 521J (A Burnham) P Butler 7-11-2 A Burnham —
26 (3) 0-00050 BALTANA 136 (F) (B Wells) W Morris 3-10-10 Jenny Hancox —
35 (2) 6-2052 SANTELLA BOBKES 66 (R Taiano) G Harwood 3-10-9 Amanda Harwood ● 99

BETTING: 6-4 Brother Patrick, 2-1 Santella Bobkes, 6-1 Run High, 7-1 Mayroni, 10-1 others.

4.15 LEVY BOARD NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £1,744: 7f) (16 runners)

4 (10) 130000 VAIGRANT WIND 24 (F) (P Boggis) C Nelson 9-7 J Reid 80
7 (15) 2460 HEADSTRONG 13 (C Wacker III) R Armstrong 9-4 M Roberts 87
8 (11) 0004 CASTLEACRE 22 (R Sperring) G Balding 9-2 J Williams 83
9 (9) 2602 MOMSER 17 (Mrs M Ryan) M Ryan 9-0 J Ryan (5) 90
10 (8) 084215 VIVA SUENOS 89 (D,F) (Mrs D Hammerson) R Hannon 9-0 B Rouse 85
11 (4) 40551 DEEP REEF 16 (C,S) (R Richards) L Cottrell 9-0 (10ex) I Johnson ● 99
15 (14) 163 MERRY MARIGOLD 30 (S) (F Swain) R Stubbs 8-12 S Whitworth 87
17 (5) 433002 EARLY BREEZE 10 (N Gill) M McCourt 8-11 A Tucker (7) 95
18 (13) 0005 SKY CLOUD 38 (B David) W Brooks 8-10 T Quinn 83
20 (3) 005 RED BREWSTER 75 (P Canty) G Lewis 8-10 Paul Eddery 81
21 (12) 458005 GO RABALL GO 13 (F) (A Irish) C Allen 8-9 G Bardwell (3) 92
23 (1) 0000 NORFOLK THATCH 13 (M Tabor) N Callaghan 8-8 B Raymond —
24 (7) 600 WAVERLEY HEIGHTS 42 (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 8-7 N Day 92
25 (6) 245400 THE TANSEY MAN 14 (P Trant) J Baker 8-7 A McGlone 85
27 (2) 640034 CAROLES CLOWN 23 (F) (Mrs C Grimshaw) M Haynes 8-6 N Gwilliams (7) 89
28 (16) 004000 TALONS TALE 5 (B) (Talon Construction Ltd) R Hannon 8-5 T Williams 92

BETTING: 3-1 Deep Reef, 4-1 Early Breeze, 5-1 Viva Suenos, 6-1 Momser, 15-2 Headstrong, 14-1 Go Raball Go, 16-1 others.

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TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
G Harwood	19	50	38.0
W O'Gorman	3	9	33.3
M Stoute	5	17	29.4
L Cottrell	9	40	22.5
R Boss	3	15	20.0
N Callaghan	4	20	20.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
W Ryan	6	32	18.8
N Day	4	23	17.4
R Hills	5	31	16.1
T Ives	5	31	16.1
I Johnson	5	32	15.6
W R Swinburn	7	46	15.2

RUGBY UNION: AUSTRALIANS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTRACT A FULL HOUSE

Samoans upset by revived Aberavon

By Gerald Davies

Aberavon	21
Western Samoans	11

With their first *international* against Ireland on Saturday this might not have been the Samoans' strongest side, but who could gainsay a marvellous performance by the young Aberavon team.

They showed a better appreciation, tactically and technically, than shown hitherto by other Welsh sides who have *played against the touring team.* Two of their tries were very good indeed and they deservedly won by a goal, three tries and a penalty to two tries and a penalty.

They must hope that this will be a turning point for them whilst the Samoans will need to lift themselves now with the two internationals ahead.

Yesterday they had the encouragement of an early lead. Yates was penalized, and warned by the referee at a ruck for Faamasino to kick a penalty in the fifth minute. Aberavon *immediately responded with* a lovely try. Koko failed to gather, others compounded the error and Middleton and other forwards latched on to the loose ball, set up the maul and the threequarters timed each pass ideally for Hopkins to cross in the corner.

The next score, when it came, was a pushover try. The surprise was that it was achieved by the lighter pack. The Aberavon shove was not entirely convincing, but it was good enough to send Samoa back and for Middleton to touch down.

Territorially, Aberavon had much the better of the first half, as they were to do later on in the second. But as they were reorganizing themselves, whilst John was being replaced by *Forester* and Spender was preparing to go off, Saena split the midfield defence and gave Foai a try on the stroke of half-time. Undeterred, Aberavon were soon on the attack after the interval and Lewis's penalty restored the lead.

None typified the home side's play more than those in the key area of their game, Middleton at *No. 8 and Roberts* at *scrum* half. Middleton made the initial breach for the next try and once more the threequarters did the rest, Forester crossing in the corner. Koko did get a try late in the game but Aberavon insisted on the final word. Another drive deep into the visitors' territory gave Andrew Jones the space he needed.

SCORERS: Aberavon: Tries: Hopkins, Middleton, Forester, Jones. Conversion: Lewis. Penalty: Lewis. Western Samoans: Tries: Foai, Koko. Penalty: Faamasino.

ABERAVON: L Lewis; J Hopkins, G Matthews, A John (rep: N Forester), J Spender (rep: J Jardine); A Jones, N Roberts; A Thomas, P Morgan, K Yates, P Hamley, T Jarrams, A Twomey, A Varney, P Middleton.

WESTERN SAMOANS: T Faamasino; L Foai, L Koko, F Saena, T Ugapo; P Petaia, M Moke; P Fatialofa, O Crichton, F Aimaasu, L Sasi, S Lemamea, S Tupuola (rep: R Rimoni), L Mano, V Fasua.

Referee: C Norling (Welsh RFU)

Twickenham enjoys increasing support for leading matches

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Rugby Football Union is anticipating a full house both at the international between England and Australia on November 5 and at the university *match a month later.* Since cup final attendances are also *climbing,* it is clear that rugby's leading occasions have lost none of their appeal despite the indifferent results of the national side.

The attendance for the 1984 England-Australia match, the first *leg of Australia's grand* slam, was 47,000. "A full house is unusual for a touring side at this time of year," Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said. "The university match is also looking like a full house, since ticket sales are well up on last year's attendance of 40,000. The Pilkington Cup is going the same way."

The apparent preference of the domestic consumer for five nations' championship matches, whose quality can scarcely be guaranteed against that offered by visiting New Zealanders and Australians, can be explained partly by the social cachet which attaches to such occasions, which also has much to do with the growing corporate entertainment offered away from the immediate Twickenham site.

"I suppose the public like these big occasions," Wood said. "If we tried to do something every Saturday it *would* be a total flop. We have maintained our ticket prices at a fairly modest level and clearly people would not come if they did not regard the product on offer as reasonable."

It is many years since Twickenham was full for a university match but the quality of recent games must have contributed much to the upsurge in interest after a period in the 1960s and early 1970s when there was a succession of uninspiring contests.

Last season's cup final, the last under the sponsorship of Imperial Tobacco, produced a record crowd of 40,000 and there is no reason to suppose that figure will be reduced next April.

John Simpson, *president* of the RFU, acknowledged that the cup final had become an occasion in its own right when he was presented this week *with a specially-made* Stuart crystal cup, worth £1,500, by Anthony Pilkington, chairman of the sponsors. The cup will go on display in the RFU museum; *the* competition winners will receive a more traditional trophy — and one less likely to shatter if dropped.

- Gary Rees, the Nottingham and England flanker, will confirm tomorrow whether he can take his place in the Midlands side to play the Australians at Leicester on Saturday. He has stretched ligaments around a vertebra above his shoulder but is optimistic about playing.

Wayne Richardson, the Leicester tight-head prop, is also due to have a fitness test on a damaged hamstring when the divisional squad gathers for its final preparations.

Durham may smile like Cheshire cat

By Michael Stevenson

Anyone who watched Durham's 17-16 win over Cumbria at Durham City on Tuesday must *have been struck by the almost* fanatical commitment of both teams. The forward battle was something to behold; and if one selects from the packs Bryan Dixon, of Durham, and Fenwick and *MacFarlane for the* losers, they were only marginally ahead of their colleagues.

Cumbria, having had the wind and rain behind them, led 16-7 at the interval, through tries from McDowell and Routledge and two penalties by Pears. Durham's point had come from a penalty by Stabler and a try by Bryan Dixon.

The moment of truth came 15 minutes into the second half. Stabler had missed a penalty but Durham were camping on Cumbria's line, when Fenwick struck against the head and Bryan Dixon touched down a pushover try, which Stabler converted. Evans scored the winning try after an inspired hack-cum-dribble to the line by Brown.

Cumbria had two winning penalty chances late in the match but Pears, their goal-kicker, was off the field, concussed. McDowell did his best but *the wet ball and the breeze* defeated him.

The northern group of the Toshiba County Championship may be decided on Saturday, when Cumbria meet Northumberland, who have beaten Durham. Durham travel to Chester, where they will meet Cheshire, *who are not likely to* beat anyone. A defeat for Cumbria and a win for Durham would leave the latter as champions.

It is a sign of the times that one has got so far without *mentioning Lancashire or York*shire. When the county campaign began it seemed that a number of clubs and individuals would opt out of the championship. Few have done so.

Yorkshire had virtually all their successful side of recent years available and Lancashire were based on Orrell, who are carrying the North's hopes in *the first division of the* Courage Clubs Championship with three wins from four matches.

But it is not enough just to turn up for a match. Most of the players involved with the Courage Clubs' Championship first and second divisions, and with divisional matches, have found it hard to motivate themselves for county matches. Lancashire and Yorkshire have played abysmally.

Durham and Cumbria have not only beaten Yorkshire and Lancashire but have outplayed them. Perhaps a natural process *akin to market forces is in* operation. Pressure of circumstances may force players committed to divisional rugby and the league to drop out of the county championship.

Control is handed to Salford

By Michael Stevenson

Salford University	12
Liverpool University	3

Salford University followed their good win over Manchester University with a more difficult and often frustrating success over Liverpool yesterday.

With both packs refusing to release early ball this particularly played into Salford's hands as *their* forwards established *dominance in the second half.* In the end Salford were good value for their win.

The fad these days seems to be for the No. 8 to pick up at the *base of the scrum,* thereby preventing the scrum half from making tactical decisions. Yesterday was no different, with most of the game played around the scrum's fringes.

On one of the rare running occasions, Fagg, on the left wing for Salford, and Elliott, in the centre for Liverpool, showed themselves potential match *winners.*

Liverpool led through an early penalty by Craven, after Salford were penalized for killing a ruck, but Tushingham levelled the scores with his first penalty when Liverpool collapsed the scrum.

An arid stalemate was broken when Liverpool were again penalized for killing a ruck and Tushingham put over the 45-yard penalty. Salford emphasized their superiority, however, when Evans picked up at the base of a scrum 35 yards out, chipped to the line, and Bracegirdle won the race for the touchdown. Tushingham converted from wide out.

SCORERS: Salford University: Try: Bracegirdle. Conversion: Tushingham. Penalties: *Tushingham (2).* Liverpool University: Penalty: Craven.

SALFORD UNIVERSITY: M Swainston; R Fagg, R Harris, R Knight, S Bracegirdle; R Tushingham, J Evans; M Macrevey, J Lewis, J Barlow, J Ure, J Calvert, J Dinsdale, D Cropley, C Moore.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY: J Craven; A Lambourn, J Lloyd, M Elliott, A Lewis; C Hicks, R Renwick; S Bell, J Bennett, S Bye, M Keighley, J Taylor, J O'Brien, S Parker, M Jones.

Referee: W A Knight (Manchester).

Pontypool hunt for new faces

By Peter Bills

Pontypool plan an urgent recruitment drive following the 66-3 defeat at Llanelli last weekend, described as "a humiliation" by the club coach, John Perkins, who complained about the players' lack of commitment.

The club committee have decided that new talent must be found and, in addition, a former captain, Eddie Butler, has been asked if he can arrange his work commitments to enable him to *play on Saturdays. His presence* is seen as most important.

Pontypool recruited three New Zealanders a couple of seasons ago, but the club has decided against a repeat of this exercise. It is felt this *would* only represent a short-term solution.

Pontypool concede they are desperately concerned at the need to find an efficient, quality side by the time they meet the All Blacks in a year's time.

Perkins said: "The committee is very concerned about our situation. There are only a limited number of things we can *do. But we refuse to desert our* basic principles about the way we want the club to go."

- Mark Ring of Cardiff is staying in rugby union with the best wishes of Hull Kingston Rovers, who made him an offer believed to be worth more than £85,000. Colin Hutton, the Rovers' chairman, said yesterday: "He wants to bid for a British Lions place. We all wish him well and have no regrets."

Nottingham fall victim to Edinburgh mobility

By Alan Lorimer

Edinburgh University	21
Nottingham University	4

A display of entertaining and purposeful rugby from Edinburgh University earned the Scottish students a deserved win over Nottingham University at Peffermill yesterday, all their points coming from their Northern Ireland trio of Linehan, McAlpine and McKinty.

Edinburgh's forwards, although lighter and giving away height in the lineout, showed mobility throughout and impressed with their handling and support play of the home side's *backs. Against this, Nottingham* had little answer, their best play coming from Quantrill, the full back, who kicked well, and the lock forward, Sword, who won plenty of ball at the front of the lineout.

After McAlpine had kicked an early penalty, Edinburgh's open play was rewarded with a try by Linehan from a mis-move ignited by McAlpine, who also added the conversion. Twelve minutes into the second half, Linehan touched down for his second try after Wilson had made the running and Kelly, his partner in the centre, had put in a well-placed cross kick.

McAlpine again converted when he added the extra points to a third Edinburgh try from the flanker, McKinty. In the final few minutes, Nottingham earned consolation when the winger, Bateman, touched down for a try in the corner.

SCORERS: Edinburgh: Tries: Linehan (2), McKinty. Conversions: McAlpine (3). Penalty: McAlpine. Nottingham: Try: Bateman.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY: C Newton; T Linehan, J Wilson, C Kelly, I Bell; G McAlpine, N Burnett; S McGoldrick, R Amsha, A Stratton, H Hawes, M Stewart, D Stevens, R Houle, S McKinty.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY: J Quantrill; S Nice, J Webster, A Jackson, R Bateman; N Gregory, *E Bolger;* S Kerr, *J Fergusson,* J Hanlon, M Sword, R Scopes, S Jevans, M Bebbington, A Risk.

Referee: L Leitch (Corstorphine).

Yorkshire squad named

The Yorkshire schools' selectors have chosen a squad of 24 from which their team will be selected to meet Yorkshire Colts at College Grove, Wakefield this evening (Michael Stevenson writes). The Schools' side will also play Leinster at Bradford and Bingley on Sunday, November 20.

SQUAD: G Hill (Leeds GS), G Stokes (QEGS), P Bingham (Ampleforth), S Ravenscroft (Bradford GS), P Ramsden (Hipperholme GS), D Woolff (Silcoates), D Eddie (Silcoates), G Cook (Hymers), R Booth (Ampleforth), A Webster (Bradford GS), M Curtis (Ripon GS), N Sweiff (Woodhouse Grove), D Forward (Silcoates), P Dixon (Ampleforth), C Plowman (Joseph Rowntree), P Strinati (Ampleforth), A Meadows (Sedbergh), R Bramley (QEGS), D Mitchell (Richmond School), R Midgeley (Bradford GS), R Breerey (Leeds GS), G Adams (Batley GS, captain), J Helliwell (Rybum GS), B Brier (Leeds GS).

Toulouse are weakened by regional calls

Toulouse, the former French champions, flew into London yesterday for a difficult short tour against Neath and Bath within the next three days (Peter Bills writes).

Toulouse meet Neath at The Gnoll tonight and Bath on Saturday, and the absence of several of their leading three-*quarters is a blow. Charvet and* Bonneval cannot make the trip because of regional commitments.

The coach, Pierre Villepreux, hopes to include the Oxford University captain, Rupert Vessey, as a guest player tonight. Didier Codorniou, the international centre, flies to England on Friday to play against Bath.

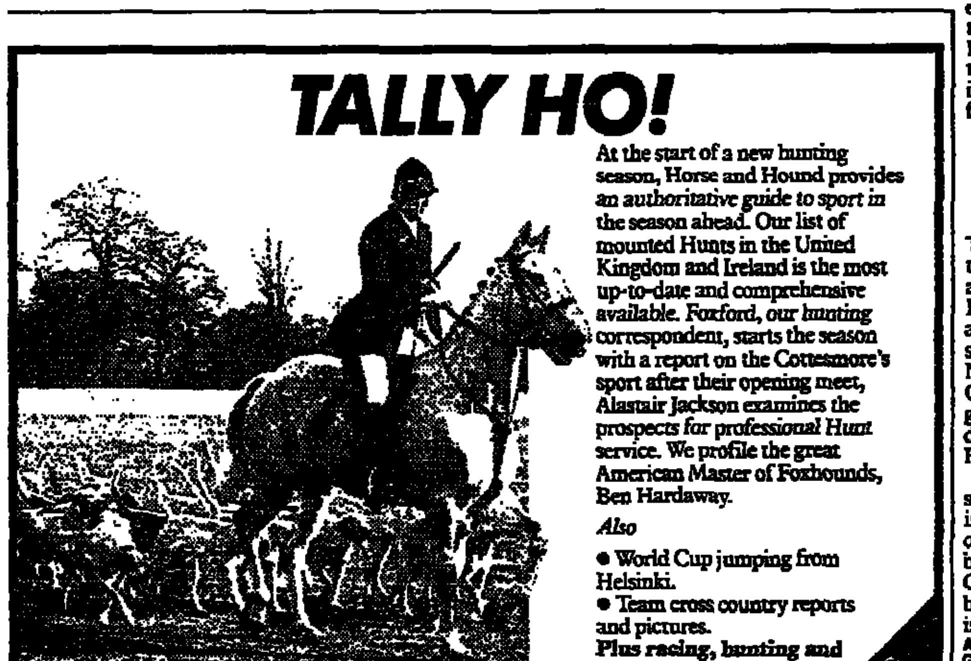
Villepreux is undaunted. "It is important that we come to establish this sort of fixture in the calendar. Both Neath and Bath, as well as ourselves, see this kind of fixture as an *important element in the* future," he said.

Internationals at Richmond

The Anglo-Scots have chosen two internationals for the game against London Scottish at Richmond on Saturday in what amounts to a final trial before selection against the Scottish North and Midlands at Imber Court on November 8, the first game in this season's McEwan's district championship (David Hands writes).

Cramb (Harlequins) plays stand-off half and Cronin (Bath) is at lock in a side containing *one Oxford* and three Cambridge players, as well as Gilchrist, last season's Cambridge University hooker, who is now with Rosslyn Park.

ANGLO-SCOTS: I Harris (Hawick); C Glasgow (Cambridge University), T Exeter (Moseley), R Maclean (Gloucester), D McCrae (Cambridge University); R Cramb (Harlequins), S Jardine (South Glamorgan Institute); T Willis (Oxford University), B Gilchrist (Rosslyn Park), J Reid (Rosslyn Park), R Wainwright (Cambridge University), C Gray (Nottingham), D Cronin (Bath), I Dixon (Army), A Murray (Waterloo).



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Stretching to make a point: McEnroe in action in front of the adoring Paris crowd

Parisians help McEnroe lift game out of Leconte's reach

From Richard Evans, Paris

It will be difficult to accuse a *French sporting public of* chauvinism after the extraordinary scenes here when more than 10,000 Parisians created an atmosphere of such potent emotion that one wondered how John McEnroe, the hero, and Henri Leconte, the villain, were able to play at all.

The fact that McEnroe, playing like the champion of old, was able to win his first round grand prix match 7-5, 6-1 and that Leconte had the courage to fight back from 0-4 in the first set with a stream of glorious winners, only added lustre to an occasion that left seasoned observers in the Press box and players' enclosure experiencing a mixture of embarrassment and wonder.

Early in the piece, the French umpire, Bruno Rebeuh, was forced to remind the crowd: "Please, remember this is a tennis match." But it was also much more. The curtain had gone *up long before the tennis* started with the crowd chanting McEnroe's name when he was still in the locker room. When the players did emerge to begin the warm up, the spectators *began a rhythmical chant,* the like of which I have never heard, not even before Davis Cup ties in South America.

The sound does not transpose well to paper, but as McEnroe hit the ball, it sounded like "Ouiii..." and as Leconte returned it, the sound, dropping two octaves, went "Nooo...".

"At that point, if I had been Henri, I would have packed my bag, left the stadium and never played tennis in France again," said Pierre Barthes, the former French No. 1. "But, however stupid Henri can be at times, you can do nothing but admire the way he fought back. To play like that in those circumstances needed real courage."

The fact that Leconte, popular at Wimbledon, has to put up with such reaction in France may surprise his English fans. But for the French, he is a clown without humour; a pompous individual with a domineering *wife who squanders his talent by* playing spendthrift tennis ill-suited to the clay courts on which he, like all French players, was raised.

The anti-McEnroe brigade *may be equally surprised that* the French have elevated him to sporting deity.

This much was evident at Roland Garros, where he was cheered to the echo every time he set foot on the centre court, either as spectator or player. McEnroe is seen as a flawed genius who has the courage to take the difficult path.

His outbursts, though less strident now, are totally accepted by his adoring public, and when Rebeuh docked him a penalty point on game point at 5-4 against Leconte, the umpire had to endure almost as much abuse as the French player.

As McEnroe had put his foot through a sign at court side, Rebeuh could hardly have turned a blind eye, and afterwards McEnroe admitted the official was within his rights.

What this complex man has again proved beyond doubt this week *is* that he, alone, retains the ability to lift a routine sporting encounter to heights of emotion and excellence that no one else can match.

SQUASH RACKETS

Olympic status closer to fruition

By Colin McQuillan

Squash could be a full Olympic sport by 1996 if talks in Lausanne next week between the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Squash Rackets Federation (ISRF) lead, as expected, to exhibition status in Barcelona in 1992.

ISRF representatives, Ronnie Sinclair, the president, and Roger Eadey, the secretary, will meet with Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the IOC, knowing that Spain, as the host nation in 1992, has included squash on an exhibition shortlist reduced in recent weeks from 30 to six. Also in the game's favour is the fact that Barcelona can mount an exhibition event with ease with existing facilities.

"Barcelona has half a dozen luxury squash venues with 20 courts or more," Sinclair said yesterday. "Squash is already well served internationally with world championships firmly in place. But Olympic status would bring financial benefits to the game and would certainly hasten its development in Eastern Europe and China."

Already accepted as one of the 15 official Commonwealth Games sports and invited to mount a tournament as part of the Asian Games in China in 1990, the game has long outgrown its English public school origins.

Spain is one of the faster developing European squash nations, with *King Juan Carlos* a keen player and the Spanish Olympic team manager, Juan Dominguez Hocking, a recognized force in the international growth of the game.

Hocking will join Sinclair and Eadey as part of the ISRF group next week and is likely to emphasize to Samaranch the readiness of Barcelona for an exhibition tournament.

Exhibition status is a matter decided by host nations, whereas full Olympic status is a matter for the Commission of Programme which will meet in 1990 to finalize the schedule of the 1996 Games, wherever they are held.

"Olympic status would mean a great deal to national squash bodies in countries where government grants tend to be reserved, or at least biased, towards Olympic sports," Sinclair said.

"There is an immediate cash reward for participating sports. I think it was more than $1 million [about £570,000] per sport from Seoul, but the secondary financial boost within each nation and the likely expansion into Eastern Europe and Asia would be the significant long-term benefit of full Olympic status in 1996."

- **TORONTO:** Neil Harvey, the twelfth seed, was eliminated in the first round of the Canadian Open championships on Tuesday (Reuter reports). Harvey lost in straight sets to the Australian, Mark Robberds. Zarak Jahan Khan, of Pakistan, the ninth seed, also fell by the wayside.

CRICKET: ALDERMAN PROVIDES AN EARLY REMINDER OF HIS TEST AMBITIONS

Brayshaw sees it through

Perth (Reuter) — West Indies lost the opening match of their Australian tour when a boundary by Brayshaw, off the final ball of the match, gave Western Australia a four-wicket victory here.

A power strike caused what was originally a day-night game *to be reduced to 30 overs from* the scheduled 50. The state side, despite some wayward bowling by the West Indies pace attack, appeared doomed to defeat when they needed to score 20 in the final two overs.

The task became even harder when Matthews was run out, leaving the wicketkeeper, Zoehrer, and Brayshaw to score 12 runs in the final over from Patterson. Brayshaw proved equal to the challenge, however, as Western Australia completed a fine recovery after losing Veletta and Moody in the first over from Patterson.

Throughout, the West Indian pace attack was unusually wayward, contributing *10 wides* and five no balls to the score.

West Indies, shaken by Alderman's opening spell after they had been put in, were rescued by Greenidge, captain for the day, and Hooper who dominated a third-wicket partnership of 73. Alderman, back in Test contention after serving his three-year suspension for touring South Africa, sent back Haynes and Richardson before they could open their accounts, but Hooper *made merry,* hitting five fours and two sixes.

WEST INDIANS

*C G Greenidge b MacLeay	35
D L Haynes c Zoehrer b Alderman	0
R B Richardson c Marsh b Alderman	0
C L Hooper b Moody	46
K L T Arthurton c Marsh b MacLeay	7
P J L Dujon not out	25
M D Marshall b Matthews	8
†D Williams not out	12
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 4, nb 1)	11
Total (30 overs, 6 wkts)	143

C A Walsh, B P Patterson and I R Bishop did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-8, 3-81, 4-88, 5-97, 6-108.

BOWLING: Alderman 6-0-20-2; Mullally 6-1-21-0; Matthews 6-0-25-1; MacLeay 6-0-37-2; Moody 6-0-34-1.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

G R Marsh b Walsh	28
M R J Veletta lbw b Patterson	0
T M Moody run out	1
*G M Wood lbw b Hooper	41
W S Andrews c and b Hooper	18
J Brayshaw not out	21
C D Matthews run out	3
†T J Zoehrer not out	3
Extras (b 3, lb 11, w 10, nb 5)	29
Total (30 overs, 6 wkts)	144

K H MacLeay, T M Alderman and A Mullally did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-4, 3-85, 4-95, 5-113, 6-130.

BOWLING: Patterson 6-1-23-1; Marshall 6-0-20-0; Bishop 6-0-25-0; Walsh 6-0-31-1; Hooper 6-0-31-2.

Testing for N Zealand

Wellington (Reuter) — The New Zealand cricketers, who left *yesterday for a two-month* tour of India, are unlikely to better the record of their predecessors.

Weak spin bowling, inexperienced batting and ageing fast bowlers *means* the tour, *including* three Tests and five one-day matches, could be arduous and frustrating. The tour begins with a three-day game against West Zone at Rajkot on November 1.

With Martin Crowe, their best batsman, absent with an allergy, much depends upon the experienced captain, John Wright.

TOUR PARTY: J G Wright (captain), M C Snedden (vice-captain), T E Blain, J G Bracewell, *E J Chatfield, T J Franklin, E J* Gray, M J Greatbatch, R J Hadlee, A H Jones, C M Kuggeleijn, D K Morrison, K R Rutherford, I D S Smith, R H Vance. **Manager:** I Taylor. **Coach:** R Cunis.

S African invitation accepted

Melbourne (Reuter) — The Victorian Cricket Association president, Ray Steele, said yesterday that he had accepted an invitation to take part in South Africa's cricket centenary celebrations in March.

The South African Cricket Association secretary, Ali Bacher, has invited more than 40 former Australian players and administrators, including Sir Donald Bradman and the Australian Cricket Board chairman, Malcolm Gray, to the celebrations.

Steele, who managed several tours of England and Pakistan, said: "I would like to go to South Africa to see what they have done. I am very sympathetic with cricket officials in South Africa. They are trying hard to get multi-racial cricket and are defying the government in certain areas."

Lindsay Hassett, the former captain, said that he had also accepted the invitation. Bob Simpson and Ian Chappell have rejected their invitations.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wycombe Wanderers v Wealdstone.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: *Westgate Insurance Cup: First round, second leg:* Redditch v Bromsgrove.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University v Tottenham Hotspur (Fenner's, 2.15).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: NatWest Trophy (8.0): Livingston v Oldham; Sunderland v Manchester.

SPEEDWAY: British League: Oxford v Bradford; Swindon v Cradley. Sheffield open. Ipswich challenge.

TABLE TENNIS: England v China (Brentwood).

TENNIS: Midland Group championships (Brighton).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL: C4 5-6 p.m.: World Series: Repeat of Tuesday's review.

FISHING

VAT man proved out of his depth

By Conrad Voss Bark

Owners of sporting estates are celebrating a major victory over H. M. Customs and Excise after a five-year struggle about payment of VAT on the sale of the Plas Madoc fishery in North Wales.

The fishery, above the tidal reach of the Conway, was sold by *the Gwydur Hotel in* December 1983 for £85,000. A VAT claim was put in for £12,000.

On appeal to the VAT tribunal in London, judgment was given in favour of the owners. The tribunal's chairman, Lord Grantchester QC, ruled that if the sale of the hotel and the fishing rights was made in the course of furtherance of the business, then tax should be paid. However, under European Community rules, the conveyance of a fishery which included the bed and banks of a river was exempt from VAT.

Customs and Excise then appealed to the High Court. The fishery owners were given financial backing to fight the case by the Country Landowners' Association, the Salmon and Trout Association, and the British Field Sports Society.

The High Court backed the VAT tribunal. Mr Justice Harman said that VAT was chargeable on the supply of goods and services. "In this case," he said, "prima facie anything less like a supply of goods or services it would be difficult to find." Customs and Excise lodged an appeal but this has now been withdrawn.

Adrian Baird, chief taxation adviser to the Country Landowners' Association, said: "Every sporting estate owner will be delighted that Customs and Excise have finally decided to back *down. It is now quite clear* that the sale of sporting land can go ahead without any risk of the VAT man's interference."

BADMINTON

Baddeley is top seed

Steven Baddeley, England's Commonwealth champion, has been made top seed for next week's Miller Lite Puma Wimbledon Open tournament (Richard Eaton writes). The draw gives him a semi-final clash with Misbun Sidek, the brilliant Malaysian No. 1, with whom Baddeley has had a long rivalry.

The second seed is the talented Michael Kjeldsen, the Danish left-hander and Nordic champion.

Julie Munday, aged 19, England's most promising player, is top seed in the women's singles and third seed in the women's doubles with Nora Perry, the former world doubles *champion, who is returning to* competition after 18 months' absence.

Matches played 22nd October 1988

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British Olympic Association elects a new chairman and seeks ways to avoid future embarrassment over Games drug-testing

Vote for Gold exposes division

COMMENTARY

David Miller

Chief Sports Correspondent

The British Olympic Association (BOA), divided down the middle on the question of its leadership for the past four years, remains divided. A small shift in votes among the individual federation members immediately prior to yesterday's annual general meeting has resulted in the chairmanship switching from Charles Palmer to Sir Arthur Gold.

Some people left the subsequent meeting, presided over by the Princess Royal, believing the BOA has taken a retrograde step, moving from a younger to an older man. Palmer is 58, Gold 71. Yet the continuing modernization, initiated by Palmer, will probably depend less on Gold than on Dick Palmer, the general secretary, who is aged 55.

All sporting administration, domestic and international, has in the past 20 years or so had the problem of moving from the amateur into the professional era. The departure of Charles Palmer, who was warmly thanked by the Princess Royal for his energy and enthusiasm, may open the way for his namesake, a less demonstrative but hugely-experienced professional administrator, to emerge as an innovative chief executive.

Dick Palmer undoubtedly found his former chairman restrictive, and was poised to move, in all probability, to the International Olympic Committee's Solidarity Fund, a group of whose officials he was due to join at a conference in Hampshire last night. Those who voted for Gold believed that the loss of Dick Palmer would have been the greater.

The whole of British sport has been bedevilled for generations by rivalries and self-interest. With the future policy of the Government-orientated Sports Council still in question, and dependent upon the inclinations of Colin Moynihan, the Sports Minister, and with the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) noisy but relatively powerless, the way is open for the BOA to become the most influential and independent voice in British sport. It has to get its act together.

The mood of uncertainty is accentuated by the narrowness of the voting decisions. Gold was elected 18-15, having been defeated four years ago 14-11. In the election of vice-chairman, Eileen Gray, from cycling, won on a second vote, 17-16, from Ted Croker, the division on the first vote having been Gray 14, Croker 12, and Peter Coni, from rowing, seven.

On the calculation that Mrs Gray, although widely experienced in her sport, is unlikely to succeed Gold in four years' time, the question being asked is: from where will a new chairman emerge to take British Olympic sport into the 21st century?

It seems that what the BOA has to decide by the time of the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992 is what sort of administration it wants: whether to continue with tradition, or move towards executive management.

It was also apparent that Charles Palmer's leadership style had been critically flawed. That so many members stood by him was a tribute to his establishment of successful funding (in conjunction with George Nicholson, the appeals secretary), and other major improvements. That there were enough votes to depose him, in spite of those achievements, reflects on the tensions which surrounded him because of his personality.

Gold is essentially a diplomat and conciliator. He will be forthright in the BOA's pursuit of evermore positive drug-testing policies. It is his activities in this field which may well have been responsible for any decline in his popularity in the international athletics arena, for there are officials of the International Amateur Athletic Federation who do not welcome punitive drug testing, for it diminishes the prestige of their sport.

Another of Gold's strengths could be his lack of ambition. When questioned on this yesterday, he said he wished to make a distinction between service to sport and ambition.

He was quick to refute any suggestion that his attitudes regarding South African sport might be disadvantageous, stressing that he was not pro-white but pro-non-white. He believes that the anti-apartheid campaign, though eminently justifiable, is at the same time responsible for restricting the progress of non-white South Africans. "The task for sport is to include, not exclude," he says.

BOA mission to educate against drug 'mistakes'

By John Goodbody

The British Olympic Association (BOA) is to have a series of seminars for competitors to warn them of the dangers of inadvertently taking drugs at the Olympic Games.

In her address at yesterday's annual meeting, the Princess Royal, the BOA's president, said that if competitors were in any doubt about what they were eating or drinking they should ask somebody. "It will pay in the long run," she said.

The BOA is particularly concerned that at the recent Seoul Olympics four Britons were interviewed by the International Olympic Committee because of irregularities in tests for drugs carried out on their urine samples.

Linford Christie, the sprinter, and two modern pentathletes, Dominic Mahony and Richard Phelps, were exonerated because they had unknowingly taken small amounts of proscribed substances. But Kerrith Brown, the lightweight judo fighter, became the first Briton to lose an Olympic medal when he gave a positive drug test for furosemide, a diuretic that he said he took to reduce inflammation in his knee.

Martin Cross, the 1984 Olympic gold medal-winner in rowing who represented the competitors at yesterday's meeting, suggested that there should be direct dialogue with the competitors.

Dick Palmer, the general secretary of the BOA, said that in 1992, as they did this year, the competitors would again be asked to sign an undertaking that they were not taking drugs, adding: "We might have to have much more stringent conditions about knowing exactly what people are taking."

There is a sub-culture among the competitors to take vitamins, food supplements and herbal remedies, which are bought across the counter. "There is a wide and weird variety of products, some of which we do not know exactly what they contain," Palmer said. "We must be sure in future that we know exactly what competitors have been imbibing."

Christie, who won a silver medal in the 100 metres and 4 x 100 metres relay in Seoul, was found to have taken a small quantity of pseudo-ephedrine. It transpired that he had been regularly consuming ginseng tea and this contained a small quantity of the banned substance, which can aid an athlete.

The BOA is now determined to have an educational campaign on diet supplements and drugs and at least to learn the lessons from these Games.

FOOTBALL

Smith and Taylor under pressure to fill leading roles

By Peter Ball

Nine days after the Football League extraordinary meeting voted to remove Philip Carter and David Dein from office, the first division clubs return to Villa Park today in an attempt to resolve their differences.

The main purpose of the meeting, which was arranged by Liverpool at the request of several other clubs, is to see if they can agree on two candidates to replace Carter and Dein on the League management committee. Inevitably that also involves the position of president.

There will also be discussion over the vacant post of chief executive. There is a move afoot to persuade Gordon Taylor to reconsider his decision to stay with the Professional Footballers' Association. There is also a growing belief that the presidency cannot be combined with club responsibilities any longer. Some radical voices will argue for an independent president as well as chief executive, with Taylor as a potential candidate to combine both posts.

This imaginative scheme is unlikely to receive enough support to be a serious runner. An approach to Taylor to become chief executive with full powers is more likely to be approved. It is possible that enough support will be found to persuade the game's outstanding administrator that he would now have the freedom to make it a more attractive proposition than it appeared in the summer.

But if that outcome is likely, it is by no means certain. A lot will depend on the mood of the "big five" who were bitterly angry at the treatment of Carter and Dein. "It depends on people's attitudes," Martin Edwards, the Manchester United chairman, said. "Whether clubs say 'let them get on with it' or 'now it has happened we must make the best of it and pull together to make things work'."

Edwards is going in the hope that the latter will prevail. That seems the more general feeling. Another chairman is believed to feel that all the blood had now been spilt and that today's meeting will reveal that "the first division is more united than it ever has been."

Even so, the choice of two management committee members will require careful negotiations with the need to balance representation between the senior clubs and the rest. Yesterday there were indications that John Smith, of Liverpool — probably the only potential candidate whose support crosses sectional barriers — was under widespread pressure to reconsider his earlier decision not to stand.

If he does stand, he would be certain to claim one spot, with either Robert Chase, of Norwich City, or Mike Norris, of Charlton Athletic, gaining the other.

If Smith does not stand, Noel White, his Liverpool colleague, or Bobby Charlton, of Manchester United, are potential representatives for the senior clubs. If Smith does stand, he is still adamant that he would not accept the presidency, which could pave the way for Jack Dunnett as a compromise if Doug Ellis appears to be the only runner from the first division.

Neale cottons to a new role

Worcestershire County Cricket Club extended their remarkable series of successes yesterday by collecting a trophy for motor racing. But the award owed nothing to the exploits of Graeme Hick and company.

The county champions had to accept a motor-racing cap when it was found that the Lord's Taverners County Championship Trophy had not been collected from last year's winners, Nottinghamshire.

The Duke of Edinburgh, was to have presented the trophy for the championship, which is sponsored by Britannic Assurance, to the Worcestershire captain, Phil Neale (pictured with Prince Philip), at Buckingham Palace, until it was noticed that the trophy was missing. Mrs Billy Cotton's Lord's Taverners Brands Hatch Trophy was drafted in as an emergency, and temporary, replacement.

TENNIS

Hot work on sand or sea for Durie

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Jo Durie, Sara Gomer and Clare Wood, of Britain, all have chances to improve their world rankings by beating seeded opponents in the second round of the Midland Group championship (the Midland refers to the bank rather than the Black Country) at the Brighton Centre today.

Durie plays Nathalie Tauziat of St Tropez, who spent the first eight years of her life as near the middle of Africa as makes no difference. The French "Foreign Legion" of tennis (its officer class long embellished by Pierre Darmon and Francoise Durr) has been a recurrent curiosity. Most of the former colonies remain, in political jargon, areas of influence.

Gomer's opponent, in a match that offers a foretaste of the Wightman Cup contest to be played at the Albert Hall next week, is Lori McNeil, of Texas. Yesterday McNeil beat Silke Meier, who has something (not much) in common with John McEnroe. Both were born at Wiesbaden: McEnroe while his father was serving in the United States Air Force. McNeil and Pam Shriver, who beat Laura Garrone 6-0, 6-0, are the only non-Europeans left the singles draw.

Wood takes on Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, who helped Steffi Graf to win the world team championship for West Germany 14 months ago. Another German, Sabine Auer, was beaten 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 by Durie yesterday. This was neither a good match nor a good win. Auer had been beaten in the qualifying competition, filled a gap in the draw, and was serving at 2-4 and 15-40 down in the second set yesterday. In short, Durie had a modest fish on the hook but had the dickens of a job landing it.

Auer beat Hana Mandlikova to reach the last 16 of the Lipton championship at Key Biscayne in March but, since then, has often played as if recovering from shock. Yesterday both players were wildly interesting on the forehand. Ultimately Durie's was the sounder.

The once-formidable Durie, who briefly ranked fifth in the world, has played in all 11 Brighton tournaments. At the age of 28 she often shows signs of wear and tear. But there is still some good tennis in her.

To return to Tauziat, this fluently neat little player disputes pride of place — among the French, that is — with Pascale Paradis. The spectacular Catherine Tanvier wins less often these days but remains a joyous sight when in full flow.

That was how it was while Tanvier was romping to a 5-2 lead against Jana Pospisilova, aged 18, who reached the semi-finals of the girls' singles at Wimbledon, now ranks fourth among Czechoslovaks, and will inevitably be burdened by some such nickname as "Popsy" (remember the wartime slang?). Pospisilova had a run of five games to win the first set — doubtful line calls added to Tanvier's frustrations — and a run of six to win the second. Another promising teenager to catch the eye was Maria Strandlund, of Sweden, whose concentration and ball control could not quite endure the stress Manuela Maleeva imposed on them.

Graf won. What did you expect?

RESULTS: First round: J Durie (GB) bt S Auer (WG), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; M Maleeva (Bul) bt M Strandlund (Swe), 6-4, 6-1; J Pospisilova (Cz) bt C Tanvier (Fr), 7-5, 6-2; L McNeil (US) bt S Meier (WG), 4-6, 6-0, 6-1. **Second round:** P Shriver (US) bt L Garrone (It), 6-0, 6-0; S Cecchini (It) bt N Herreman (Fr), 6-2, 3-6, 6-4; S Graf (WG) bt H Witvoet (Neth), 6-1, 6-1.

Taylor and Gorman leave club

Gillingham parted company yesterday with their manager, Paul Taylor, and his assistant, John Gorman, less than 24 hours after their 5-0 defeat at Preston.

Gillingham, who have lost their last 10 games, are third from bottom of the third division. The youth team manager, Damien Richardson, and the trainer, Bill Collins, both former players with the club, have been put in charge pending the appointment of a new manager.

● Walsall have signed Dale Banton, aged 27, from York for around £75,000.

● The Welsh international midfield player, Steve Lowndes, aged 28, has been told by the Barnsley manager, Allan Clarke, that he is free to leave the club

● Phil Chard, the Wolverhampton midfield player, could be out of action for three months after damaging knee ligaments during the match against Blackpool

● The former England winger, Tony Morley, of West Bromwich Albion, looks likely to rejoin his former club, Burnley, on a month's loan.

● The future of three Sheffield United keepers will be settled in the next few days. Andy Leaning, on loan to Bristol City, will sign for the club for £12,000, while Paul Heald could go to Orient on loan, with a view to a permanent move. The football tribunal will decide on a fee for Simon Tracey, signed from Wimbledon on Tuesday.

Pressure is telling on Tottenham

Terry Venables has little to celebrate after his first 12 months in charge of Tottenham Hotspur. Venables agreed to take over at White Hart Lane almost a year ago, and assumed control of the team a month later.

Since then Tottenham have won only seven out of 31 League matches and Tuesday night's 2-1 defeat by Southampton at home has left them propping up the first division along with Newcastle.

The pressure is increasing on Tottenham's expensive collection of players to produce results and Venables admitted: "We are just going through one of those periods when every mistake we make seems to get punished. We should have been three up at half-time, and it was just one of those games we should have won."

Two fine second-half goals by Glenn Cockerill gave Southampton their first win at White Hart Lane for 15 years after Tottenham had led through a first half own-goal by Ray Wallace.

Life is a lot sweeter for their North London rivals, Arsenal, although they should be lying second in the table. Their run of five wins in a row was halted by a 1-1 draw at Luton, but their manager, George Graham, was happy enough with a point.

Alan Smith kept up his record of scoring in every League game for Arsenal this season with his thirteenth, before Kingsley Black curled in a spectacular equalizer from a free kick in the 56th minute.

Watford rose to the top of the second division with a 4-0 win over Barnsley, while the leaders, Blackburn, slumped to a 2-0 defeat at Sunderland.

Chelsea's progress was arrested by their first defeat against Hull City for 53 years. Edwards scored twice in Hull's 3-0 victory. Birmingham are rooted at the bottom of the table after a 1-0 home defeat by Stoke.

Wolverhampton moved within a point of Sheffield United at the top of the third division, thanks to two-goal Andy Mutch, whose 88th minute second strike gave them a 2-1 victory over Blackpool. Gary Brazil collected three goals, taking his tally to five in two games, as Preston defeated Gillingham 5-0.

Rotherham's 2-0 win over Colchester took them two points clear of their nearest fourth division rivals, Burnley, who must have been upset at being held to a goalless draw by Carlisle, who lie next to Darlington, the bottom club in the table.

Four players were sent off: Brian Williams, the Shrewsbury captain, Keith Millen, the Brentford defender, Danny O'Shea, of Southend, and Richard Cooper, of Exeter.

Doncaster were stuck in a traffic jam on the way to their game at York and had to change on the coach. They arrived two minutes before the scheduled start and kicked off nine minutes late — which could land them with a Football League fine of up to £200.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

BARCLAYS LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Luton Town 1, Arsenal 1; Tottenham Hotspur 1, Southampton 2.

SECOND DIVISION: Birmingham City 0, Stoke City 1; Crystal Palace 1, Oxford United 0; Hull City 3, Chelsea 0; Ipswich Town 0, Portsmouth 1; Oldham Athletic 2, Bournemouth 0; Plymouth Argyle 0, Shrewsbury Town 0; Sunderland 2, Blackburn Rovers 0; Watford 4, Barnsley 0.

THIRD DIVISION: Bristol City 1, Aldershot 1; Bury 3, Southend United 1; Chesterfield 2, Brentford 2; Fulham 3, Northampton Town 2; Huddersfield 1, Swansea City 1; Preston North End 5, Gillingham 0; Wigan Athletic 1, Bolton Wanderers 1; Wolverhampton Wanderers 2, Blackpool 1.

FOURTH DIVISION: Cambridge United 2, Scarborough 2; Carlisle United 0, Burnley 0; Crewe Alexandra 2, Grimsby Town 2; Darlington 0, Torquay United 0; Halifax Town 5, Peterborough United 0; Leyton Orient 4, Exeter City 0; Rotherham United 2, Colchester United 0; Scunthorpe United 3, Wrexham 1; York City 1, Doncaster Rovers 1.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City 2, Coventry 3.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Millwall 2, Charlton 4; Portsmouth 0, Arsenal 3; Queen's Park Rangers 1, Norwich 0; Southampton 3, Chelsea 5.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Second preliminary round: Harefield 0, Hampton 0; Northwood 1, Yeading 2.

CLUB CALL CUP: First round: Barking 3, Bromley 1; Dartford 1, Sutton United 2; Dover 3, Carshalton 2 (aet). First round replay: Chorley 2, Morecambe 2 (aet, Morecambe win on away goals). Second round: Frickley 1, Witton 0; Leytonstone/Ilford 3, Kettering 0; Stafford 1, Cheltenham 0; Wealdstone 3, Hayes 2.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrow 1, Hendon 2. First division: Hitchin 1, Woking 1; Wivenhoe 0, Wembley 2. Second division north: Barton 3, Aveley 1; Rainham 1, Purfleet 1; Tilbury 0, Vauxhall Motors 1. Second division south: Hungerford 2, Egham 2; Whyteleafe 4, Petersfield 0.

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wokingham Town 3, Enfield 4.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Goole 4, Gateshead 2; Southport 1, Rhyl 2; Stalybridge 2, Worksop 1. First division cup: First round: Alfreton Town 0, Irlam Town 1; Harrogate Town 2, Netherfield 1; Leek Town 3, Winsford Utd 1; Newtown 2, Eastwood Hanley 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Waterlooville 1, Ashford 3. Westgate Insurance Cup: First round, second leg: Bedworth 1, Mile Oak 1 (agg 3-2); Burnham 5, Buckingham 1 (agg 5-3); Dorchester 0, Bath 2 (agg 1-5); Rushden 1, Cambridge City 3 (agg 5-4).

HERTFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: First round: Hemel Hempstead 0, Baldock 3; Hertford 1, Letchworth 2.

Fire in stand delays win for Belgrade

Belgrade (AP) — A fire delayed the second round, first leg UEFA Cup match between Partizan Belgrade and Roma for 15 minutes yesterday.

The referee stopped the match after 20 minutes when smoke billowed from an entrance to the ground. Part of a stand was evacuated while the fire, caused by an electrical fault, was extinguished. Partizan won 4-2.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, Carl Zeiss Jena drew 1-1 with Sampdoria, who needed Vialli to score a penalty in the 82nd minute to equalize.

Real Madrid beat Gornik Zabrze 1-0 in the European Cup in Poland, thanks to a second-half penalty by Sánchez. Bordeaux won by the same margin in the UEFA Cup against Ujpest Dozsa in Hungary.

MOTOR SPORT

Challenge headed by Higgins

By David Tremayne

One hundred and sixty budding world champions will gather at Brands Hatch this weekend for the DataCartel Formula Ford Festival and World Cup, for many the first step towards a Formula One career.

Heading the list of English contenders in a field of 20 nationalities is Derek Higgins, of Slough, the double British Formula Ford champion. His task will not be made easy by the presence of the talented Richard Dean, of Yorkshire.

A strong challenge to them is expected to come from Jonathan McGall, of Belfast, who will be driving the relatively rare Mondiale M88S.

A battle will rage between the specialist manufacturers of these potent single-seaters, of whom Van Diemen is predominant.

RACKETS

Smith thrives on fast pace

Neil Smith, the professional champion, and Matthew Mockridge, the public schools champion in 1976, defeated Shannon Hazell, the Clifton professional, and Julian Snow, who won the Foster Cup in 1982, by 0-15, 15-6, 15-7, 15-4, 15-12 in the Celestion invitation doubles semi-finals at Queen's Club (William Stephens writes).

The match was played on the newly-restored Bridgeman Court, which has proved to be one of the fastest in the world. Smith and his consistent partner revelled in the pace and both imparted severe cut on service.

Earlier, the pace generated by William Boone and the solid support of Thomas Brudenell accounted for the defeat of James Male, the world champion, and David Ruck Keene, who were defeated in their semi-final 15-0, 15-6, 15-3, 15-4.

Dryden in demand

Bristol Rovers have rejected a £7,000 offer by Exeter City for Richard Dryden, aged 19, who has just spent a month on loan with the fourth division club.

HOCKEY

DeSousa sets the pattern

By Sydney Friskin

Blackheath 2
London University 0

Blackheath consolidated their position at the top of the Pizza Express London League with a victory over London University on a sand-filled artificial turf pitch at the Meridian Sports Club, Charlton, yesterday.

Balanced in attack and defence, Blackheath had more of the play in both periods and should have scored more goals. Deflections by London's defenders and good goalkeeping by Willman made the victory less emphatic.

London's defence was frequently overcome by the stickwork and acceleration of DeSousa who had a hand in both goals, combining well on the right with Colclough and setting up an effective pattern for forward play. London's attacks, by contrast, frequently broke down inside the circle for the want of coordination.

There was little London could do to deny DeSousa a clear run in the thirteenth minute and his pass was picked up by Richardson who steered the ball into goal. Blackheath, despite their territorial advantage for the remainder of the first half, had no luck with four short corners.

London, inspired by Kirkland at right half, raised their game after the interval and kept the Blackheath defence busy for about 10 minutes. But from the first breakaway by DeSousa, Wickremeratne scored.

Blackheath, who are aiming to win the league and thereby attempt to qualify for the National League, achieved their fourth win in five matches. They have acquired their eminence despite the absence of their captain, Polu Kalsi, because of injury. London's figures make sad reading. They have played three matches, drawn one and lost two.

BLACKHEATH: B Cooper; B Rehling, R Choda, M Ainley, P Lippard, R Pendry (sub: A Couves), A DeSousa, A Colclough, A Richardson (sub: J Beesley), D Patel, S Wickremeratne.

LONDON UNIVERSITY: *T Willman (St Thomas's Hospital); P Baldwin (St Bart's Hospital), A Brookes (Queen Mary College), *P Kirkland (St Thomas's Hospital), A Hatrick (St Thomas's Hospital), J Allen (King's College), *A Holmes (Goldsmiths' College), R Pittman (St Thomas's Hospital), S Heriot (St Thomas's Hospital), A Emmerson (UCL), T Kippax (Middlesex Hospital).

Umpires: A Kellett and N Archer.

* A purple.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

LUTON: Chiltern League 5½-mile cross-country race: 1, S Male, 29min 53sec; 2, K Usher, 30:11; 3, J Readings, 30:21. Team: 1, Bracknell, 1426pts; 2, Old Gaytonians, 1330; 3, Reading, 1318.

PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS: University College invitation cross-country relay: Men 6 x 1.8 miles: 1, Southampton University, 50min 12sec; 2, Warwick University, 51:07; 3, Leicester University, 51:42. Women 4 x 1.8 miles: 1, Surrey University, 41min 5sec; 2, Leicester University, 43:54; 3, Notts University, 46:05.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Second round, first leg: Steaua Bucharest (Rom) 3, Spartak Moscow (USSR) 0; Nentori Tirana (Alb) 0, IFK Gothenburg (Swe) 3; Gornik Zabrze (Pol) 0, Real Madrid (Sp) 1.

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Second round, first leg: Carl Zeiss Jena (EG) 1, Sampdoria (It) 1; CSKA Sofia (Bul) 2, Panathinaikos (Gr) 0.

UEFA CUP: Second round, first leg: Ujpest Dozsa (Hun) 0, Bordeaux (Fr) 1; Partizan Belgrade (Yug) 4, Roma (It) 2.

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Swansea City 2, Exeter City 2.

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Edinburgh 1, Dundee 3; Aberdeen 3, Strathclyde 6; Glasgow 3, Stirling 2.

REAL TENNIS

LORD'S: Rank Xerox over-40s doubles championship: Semi-finals: D Cull (Lord's) and F Willis (Manchester) bt P Dawes (Troon) and M Edwards 6-4, 6-4; J Ward and M McMurrugh bt D MacDonald and P Hopkins 6-1, 6-4. Final: Cull and Willis bt Ward and McMurrugh 6-2, 6-2.

HOLYPORT, Berkshire: Reliance national league: Second round: Royal County of Berkshire C 2, Canford 0 (RCBC names first): C Lumley bt S Ronaldson 6-3, 6-3; K King bt N Pendrigh 6-1, 6-1; Rackets Professionals Association 2, Hampton Court II 0 (RPA names first): P Brake bt M Hayward 6-3, 6-5, 6-1; M Dean bt R MacKenzie 6-3, 6-1.

BOXING

MIDDLESBROUGH: British bantamweight title eliminator: Donnie Hood (Glasgow) bt Graeme O'Malley (Middlesbrough), rsc, 9th.

CYCLING

DORTMUND: Six-day race: Final positions: 1, D Clark (Aus) and A Doyle (GB), 444pts; 2, V Diehl and R Guenther (WG), 360; 3, A Kappes (WG) and R Hermann (Liech), at one lap, 349; 4, S Tourne and E de Wilde (Bel), at one lap, 295; 5, C Mottet (Fr) and P Bincoletto (It), at three laps, 170; 6, D Thurau (WG) and U Freuler (Switz), at five laps, 215.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston Bruins 1, Montreal Canadiens 1; Pittsburgh Penguins 6, Calgary Flames 1; Chicago Black Hawks 7, Quebec Nordiques 4; Buffalo Sabres 7, New Jersey Devils 4; Toronto Maple Leafs 4, New York Islanders 3; Edmonton Oilers 5, Los Angeles Kings 4; Washington Capitals 4, Vancouver Canucks 3 (OT).

NORWICH UNION CUP: English final, second leg: Durham Wasps 17, Peterborough Pirates 3 (Durham win 24-10 on aggregate).

SNOOKER

CONTINENTAL LONDON MASTERS: Quarter-final: J White (Eng) bt A Drago (Malta), 4-1.

BADMINTON

BRENTFORD: Rollcards Team Challenge: Gill Clark's team 4, Gillians Gilks' team 1 (Clark's team names first): F Smith (Surrey) bt G Gowers (Sussex), 12-10, 11-8; S Baddeley (Sussex) bt D Hall (Essex), 18-16, 18-15; A Goode (Herts) and G Clark (Kent) bt M Dew (Middx) and G Gilks (Middx), 12-15, 15-5, 15-6; Clark and Smith w/o Gowers and Gilks scr; Baddeley and Goode lost to Hall and Dew 5-15, 6-15.

SQUASH RACKETS

TORONTO: Canadian Open championship: First round: C Dittmar (Aus) bt K Jernigan (US), 15-4, 15-4, 15-10; R Norman (NZ) bt T Sinns (Can), 15-9, 15-8, 15-6; Umar Hayat Khan (Pak) bt J Nicolle (GB), 10-15, 15-8, 15-9, 15-10; A Adderage (Aus) bt Zarak Jahan Khan (Pak), 12-15, 15-14, 15-9, 17-16; T Nancarrow (NZ) bt S Elopuro (Fin), 17-15, 15-9, 15-9; M Robberds (Aus) bt N Harvey (GB), 15-12, 15-11, 17-15; G Williams (GB) bt Magsood Ahmed (Pak), 15-13, 17-14, 15-7; J Hickox (GB) bt G Turk (Can), 15-8, 15-10, 15-8.

BRADFORD: Semi national championship: Thornbridge 1, Chapel Allerton 4.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Aberavon 21, Western Samoa 11.

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Tuesday: Durham 17, Cumbria 16; Lancashire 14, Cheshire 0; North Midlands 18, Staffordshire 9; Yorkshire 9, Northumberland 20; Warwickshire 24, Leicestershire 4. Yesterday: Hampshire 45, Sussex 9; Eastern Counties 3, Kent 35.

London division B table

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Kent	3	3	0	75	28	6
Eastern Cties	3	2	1	38	49	4
Hampshire	3	1	2	68	43	2
Sussex	3	0	3	25	86	0

CLUB MATCHES: Glamorgan Wanderers 10, Bristol 18; Nottingham 13, Sheffield 13; Tredegar 6, Newbridge 25.

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Glasgow 6, Aberdeen 4; Strathclyde 12, Dundee 32; Heriot Watt 12, Stirling 29.

UNIVERSITIES MATCH: Edinburgh 21, Nottingham 4.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Kelvinside Academy 24, Hymers College 6

TENNIS

PARIS: Nabisco Grand Prix tournament: Men's singles: First round: E Winogradsky (Fr) bt M Jaite (Arg), 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; J McEnroe (US) bt H Leconte (Fr), 7-5, 6-1; T Mayotte (US) bt T Champion (Fr), 6-7, 6-4, 6-1; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg), 6-1, 6-2; B Gilbert (US) bt A Gomez (Ec), 6-2, 6-3. Second round: J Hlasek (Switz) bt J Svensson (Swe), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; G Forget (Fr) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-3, 6-3; T Mayotte (US) bt E Winogradsky (Fr), 6-4, 6-1.

INDIANAPOLIS: Women's tournament: Singles, first round: M L Daniels (US) bt E Burgin (US), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.

SINGAPORE: Singapore Open championship: First round: S Guy (NZ) bt A Amritraj (India), 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; Paul Chamberlin (US) bt H Riiersbacher (WG), 6-4, 6-1; T Pawsat (US) bt R Tsujino (Japan), 4-6, 6-3, 7-6, 7-4; S Davies (US) bt B Pearce (US), 6-4, 6-4; M Dungo (US) bt J Goodall (GB), 6-4, 7-6, 7-5; M Allen (US) bt S Brown (US), 6-0, 7-5.

CRICKET

MUTARE: Tour match: Young Zimbabwe 217 for 7; Young New Zealand 216. Young Zimbabwe won by 1 run.

SNOOKER

Reason for Reynolds to see red

From Steve Acteson
Toronto

A spectator's ignorance of snooker etiquette brought a bitter attack from Dean Reynolds, the English champion, after his 5-4 defeat by Cliff Wilson, of Wales, in the BCE Canadian Masters in Toronto yesterday.

Reynolds, after trailing by four frames to one fought back spendidly to level at four-all and led 53-24 in the decider when the spectator made an untimely intrusion, standing in Reynolds' line of vision as he tried to line-up the penultimate red.

Reynolds stood up again and asked the spectator to sit down, which he did, but by then the Grimsby man had lost his concentration and missed the pot, Wilson making a clearance of 41 to end the match.

"It was ridiculous. And that sort of thing should just not be allowed to happen in a ranking tournament," said Reynolds. Wilson, while sympathising, pointed out, "they were wandering in and out all day but they didn't seem to put Dean off before that."

Ian Graham, a rookie professional from Watford beat the Australian veteran, Eddie Charlton, 5-2, to gain two valuable ranking points and secure his immediate future in the professional ranks.

RESULTS: Fourth round: C Wilson (Wal) bt D Reynolds (Eng), 5-4. Frame scores (Wilson first): 8-107, 56-44, 68-5, 63-2, 56-35, 34-64, 21-80, 31-50, 65-53. I Graham (Eng) bt E Charlton (Aus), 5-2. Frame scores (Charlton first): 61-56, 28-69, 41-78, 23-64, 71-34, 59-55, 24-52.

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Kendall rebuffs another appeal from Newcastle

By John Wardle and Chris Moore

Newcastle United were back to square one last night in their search for a manager. Howard Kendall has told them that he has decided to stay with Athletic Bilbao until his contract expires at the end of the season, and Joe Royle *has made it clear that he wants* to stay with Oldham Athletic.

Kendall's decision was a major disappointment to Gordon McKeag, the Newcastle chairman, who had flown to *Spain in a vain attempt to* persuade the former Everton manager to return to England to take charge of his hometown club.

Kendall, speaking in Turin *before Bilbao's UEFA Cup tie* against Juventus last night, said: "The offer was very tempting, and I'm grateful to Newcastle for making it, but really the timing was wrong."

He added: "I'm flattered that Newcastle wanted me and I know it would have been a good opportunity. The pull of managing the club I supported as a boy was very strong."

McKeag admitted: "I'm very disappointed because after speaking to Howard in Spain on Monday night I had some hope that he would *come here. Now we must start* looking again, and I have one or two names in mind."

Royle was Newcastle's next choice, but he said yesterday: "I'm happy at Oldham. I *realise the Newcastle job is* attractive, but I want to commit myself to Oldham. We have a job to be done here and it is my intention to get on with it.

"*I only signed a two-year* extension to my contract in the summer and, while I am ambitious, I am sure there will be another time."

Newcastle, who dismissed *Willie McFaul a fortnight* ago, slipped to the bottom of the first division by losing at West Ham last Saturday.

Meanwhile, Mark Lawrenson was last night contemplating an immediate attempt at getting back on to the managerial merry-go-round by joining the contenders to succeed Ron Atkinson at West Bromwich Albion. Lawrenson, unceremoniously dismissed by Oxford United on Tuesday, was invited to apply for the vacancy at The Hawthorns by John Silk, the West *Bromwich chairman.*

"It is not too late for anyone to apply, although he would have to be quick," Silk said. "We've already sifted through the majority of applications *and are in the stage leading up* to making a decision."

Lawrenson was away from home yesterday, reflecting on his future. But Brian Horton, his succesor at Oxford, said: "I'm sure he would be interested in the Albion job."

Aston Villa will be having further talks today with Peter Davenport, the unsettled Manchester United forward, who is also considering a counter offer from Middlesbrough. Both clubs are prepared to meet United's £750,000 valuation of the former England and Nottingham Forest forward. But because of United's injury problems, Davenport is unlikely to be leaving Old Trafford before next week's Littlewoods Cup tie with Wimbledon.

John Frain, the Birmingham City defender who was carried off in Tuesday's second division game with Stoke, was told yesterday that his right kneecap is badly bruised and not cracked as at first feared.

McLean convicted of assault on cameraman

Jim McLean, the Dundee United manager, head-butted a television cameraman who tried to film him on his return from a European Cup match, a court heard yesterday.

McLean, aged 51, had told the BBC camera team he did *not want to be interviewed,* Deputy Fiscal Mrs Alison Gibson, prosecuting, told Edinburgh Sheriff Court. When he realized he was being filmed, he walked to camera*man, Ron Wild, asked him to* stop and then head-butted him.

McLean who pleaded guilty to the assault — at Edinburgh Airport on September 7 after he had flown home from a match in Malta — was ordered to find £400 security for his good behaviour for a year.

Defending McLean, Mr Stuart Fair told the court the United manager had "lost control" and regretted the offence. McLean had to abandon pre-match preparation for last night's European tie against Dinamo Bucharest to attend court.

Donaghy given an incentive

By Louise Taylor

Mal Donaghy was yesterday handed an incentive to end his protracted period of indecision of whether to leave Luton Town; Manchester United hope he will sign today in time to face Everton at Goodison Park on Sunday.

The Northern Ireland international defender will spend today looking at properties in the Manchester area with his wife before returning to Old Trafford for further talks on his proposed £650,000 move from Luton Town.

"Obviously we'd like Mal to make up his mind today because then he could play in the televised match against Everton," Kenneth Merrett, secretary of United, said yesterday. But we are not completely confident that he will join us. Our chances of signing him are probably only about 50 per cent."

Ray Harford, the Luton *manager,* is also anxious to speak to Donaghy today. "I haven't heard from Mal since Monday and I'm hoping he'll phone me. I certainly haven't given up hope that he will *choose to stay a Luton player.* Mal is smashing and I'm not at all put out that he's taking his time over the move."

Donaghy, aged 31, has spent 10 years at Luton and his *family are settled in Bedford*shire. He is also anxious to secure a cash settlement in lieu of a testimonial.

Edwards chases his private goal

By Martin Searby

Keith Edwards, the Hull City forward, can justifiably claim the title of the most prolific goal scorer in the Football League following a return to form this season after a barren spell with Leeds United and, briefly, Aberdeen.

With the departure of Frank Worthington and Ernie Moss to non-League pastures, Ed*wards now heads the list of* current players, with 218 goals in 483 matches in the Football League. Tynan of Plymouth Argyle, who has 213 goals from 505 games, is close behind.

Two midweek goals against Chelsea took Edwards's total to 12 in 22 games since rejoining Hull from Aberdeen immediately before the transfer deadline last March and, aged 31, he feels he can easily pass the 250 mark.

His immediate aim is to register 100 goals for two separate clubs, having already scored 143 in the League in two periods with Sheffield United, for whom he made his debut against Queen's Park Rangers in 1976, one of only three games he has played in the first division.

Those periods sandwiched just over three seasons at Boothferry Park during which he scored 57 times in 132 matches. With his total now 69, he requires another 31 goals in a possible 79 fixtures during the remaining two years of his contract to achieve his ambition.

"I've always tried to set myself little targets and I don't see why *I shouldn't reach this* one," Edwards said. "I like the responsibility of getting goals without being over-confident but I think it is all down to natural ability. You don't look at me and think it is height and strength so it has to be a gift."

Of his barren period at Elland Road, where he scored only six times in 38 appearances, he said: "I never lost confidence at any time in my career but there was a period at Leeds where, for the first time, I didn't score regularly. I just seemed to get on the wrong side of things near goal.

"I don't know why it happened because I was confident enough, but five months off in 12 years isn't too bad a record. I think mine would be even better if appearances as substitute didn't count as full games, it messes up your goal average and makes it look worse than it is."

Arthur Rowley, the League's leading scorer with 434 in 619 games for West Bromwich Albion, Fulham, Leicester City and Shrewsbury Town, did not have that problem in his 21-year career but Edwards is unlikely to end anywhere near that total.

Birthday presence a no-fuss affair

By Louise Taylor

It was business as usual at Lancaster Gate yesterday where the Football Association's 125th birthday slipped by without the merest hint of *razzmatazz.*

As a spokesman *said:* "We haven't even got a birthday cake." Of course the FA not only held a celebratory ban*quet in June* but arranged the staging of England's opening World Cup qualifying match against Sweden at Wembley last week to loosely coincide with the occasion, but yes*terday's low key, just-another*day response remained surprising.

As parent body of England's national game, the Association's life has been far from anonymous. *If World Cup* glory in 1966 marked the zenith of the first 125 years, it has also encompassed defeat at the hands of the Hungarians at Wembley in 1953.

Set against a backdrop of more than 100 domestic Cup finals and animated by indviduals of the ilk of Matthews, Charlton, and Finney, the 125 years have inevitably embraced controversy.

Ramsey's wingless wonders, Don Revie's moonlight flit to the desert, hooliganism and the Hoddle question have all occupied the attentions of the Lancaster Gate hierarchy during a period when football has been revolutionized by the abolition of the maximum wage and later by the introduction of freedom of contract.

Such upheaval was far in the future when a meeting of 11 clubs (including Blackheath Proprietary School and No Names) convened to discuss the formation of a *Football* Association at Freemason's Tavern, London, on October 26, 1863 which would be responsible for framing a set of official rules for all clubs.

The FA Cup was established in 1871-72 and a crowd of 2,000 watched Royal Engineers beat Wanderers 1-0 to win the first final at Kennington Oval. Within 10 years England had played Scotland in their first international and FA membership had increased to the point where 128 clubs and associations were under its aegis. By 1923 the first Wembley Cup final created so much interest that thousands of spectators broke into the ground.

Today, Cup finals attract world-wide television audiences of 250 million, the English national side thinks nothing of flying to Saudi Arabia for an international match, and sponsorship enjoys an increasingly central role. What would No Names have made of it all?

Millwall close to selling out

Hundreds of Millwall supporters are likely to miss the game against Liverpool at Anfield on November 12, which *will* be all-ticket. There were long queues at The Den yesterday when tickets went on sale and Millwall, whose allocation is less than 4,000, expect to sell out this morning.

The club secretary, Graham Hortop, said: "In our first four away games this season, we have taken 20,000 supporters to Aston Villa, Charlton, Norwich and Coventry, so I'm afraid there will be some disappointed supporters."

Durie makes hard work of it

***Stretched:* Britain's Joe Durie was yesterday taken to three sets by Sabine Auer, of West Germany, a beaten qualifier asked to fill a gap in the first round draw of the Midland Group tennis championship at Brighton. Report, page 47. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)**

Manhattan Boy defeat raises fear of doping

By Graham Rock

The belief that Detomidine, a potent tranquilizing drug, is being used to impair the performance of racehorses again came to the fore when Manhattan Boy, the odds-on favourite, was beaten at Plumpton on Tuesday.

Racing authorities in Ireland, who have been faced with some suspicious cases during the past few months, believe that Detomidine may be responsible. Forensic analysts are perfecting a technique for detecting the drug, and a urine sample taken from Manhattan Boy has been sent to the Horse Racing Forensic Laboratory at Newmarket; the results should be known in about a fortnight.

In Ireland a group of "undesirables" from County Kilkenny appeared at race meetings when strongly-fancied horses failed to reproduce their form. *Suspicions* were raised at Leopardstown in December when Galmoy, the best staying hurdler in training, started at 6-4 on for a valuable race but trailed in a poor fourth of five.

Before the race, John Mulhern, the trainer, was told by a stranger his horse had been doped. Even the best horses run below their peak *and opinion is divided* as to whether Galmoy was doped, or had an off day.

Peacock Royale, at Downpatrick, and Sharp Jewel, at Down Royal, both in May, were other performances to raise eyebrows and there were even stronger suspicions over Special Agent, at Downpatrick on August 29. Jeremy Maxwell, *the trainer, noticed in the* parade ring that Special Agent looked more fit to collapse than run, and after consultation with the veterinary official, his horse was with*drawn. The authorities* searched the racecourse for the County Kilkenny conspirators seen at the meeting, but they had made a hasty departure.

Besides lethargy, Detomidine has other manifestations; sweating, and excessive urination among them. The last-named symptom possibly links Detomidine with Manhattan Boy, since Penny Ffitch-Heyes, the jockey, reported her mount urinated freely on the way to post. In his pre-race preliminary examination, Manhattan Boy showed no signs of anything untoward, and certainly none of the recognized Detomidine-related symptoms.

John Ffitch-Heyes, the trainer, admitted to betting £1,000 on Manhattan Boy. He would not be the first backer to cry "foul" afterwards. The result of the post-race test should give the answer, now that the latest analysis is available, but few are prepared to bet on the outcome.

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END COLUMN

Britain's golfers touch wood

By Mitchell Platts and John Hennessy

You could almost hear the anguish of club golfers *throughout the British Isles* yesterday as Wentworth announced its subscription rate for next year. We are all used to an annual hike of five per cent, maybe even 10 per cent, to pay for all those treatments that are necessary for the greens, according to the committee.

But Wentworth announced an increase of no less than 100 per cent, so a full member will be paying £1,000 a year for the privilege of using the club's two courses in between the professional tournaments and the visiting societies. Could this mean the start of *megasubs everywhere?*

The good news is that, according to a quick straw poll by *The Times,* the rest of the country need have little fear that they will have to suffer the same kind of increase.

"That seems extortionate," Denis Kirkland, the secretary of Blairgowrie, the pearl of Perthshire, said. "The recommendation here is to raise subscriptions from £117 to £125, excluding VAT, next year."

Neighbours shun the pricey road

The full member's subscription at West Hill, a Surrey neighbour of Wentworth's, is £341 plus VAT. "No way would we go down their road," the secretary, Bill Leighton, declared. "When a club does something like that, people come knocking on my door, but they'll be unlucky.

"We're full. This is a members' club, like most others, and we only need enough *income to maintain the course* and clubhouse in good condition." Nearby Sunningdale's annual subscription is £500 and The Berkshire's £415.

Around other parts of the *country, Little Aston in* Birmingham charges £295 plus VAT; Long Ashton, Bristol, £275 plus VAT; Royal Cinque Ports on the Kent coast £326, including VAT; Formby (Lancashire) £280 plus VAT; Brancepeth Castle (Durham) £190 plus VAT; Moortown (Leeds) £350, including VAT; and Lahinch ("The St Andrews of Ireland") £176, unencumbered by VAT.

All of them maintain that increases for 1989 will be no more than in line with inflation.

Wentworth differ in that they are under new, commercial management and they are building a third 18-hole course that isdue to open in the next 12 months. Asked if he expected resignations, Michael Brooke, chairman of the recently formed Wentworth Group Holdings, replied: "No, I don't, because we're going to give members value for money by transforming Wentworth into the premier golf and country club of Europe."

It would seem that Wentworth is determined to move towards being a members-only club. *Visiting societies, paying* about £45 per person per day, including lunch, will be asked next year for £115 per person, excluding meals. And the membership fee could be trebled *over the next few years.*

Americans see it as a bargain

If Wentworth is now the most expensive club in Britain, Americans still regard £1,000 as a surprisingly low annual subscription.Dick Taylor, editor of *Golf World* in the US, said: "Golf in Britain is the most inexpensive I know and Wentworth's dues still sound a bargain to me."

The average initiation fee for a club in the US, according to the National Golf Foundation, is $1,800, and the average annual subscription $1,020.

The cost of full membership at the Tournament Players' *Club in Sawgrass, Florida,* where the Players' Championship is played, begins with a $7,500 initiation charge, followed by an annual fee of $1,800. The cost of playing is increased by $15 per round, for a cart which is mandatory at most American clubs.

The demands of American golfers are greater: they insist *not only on their golf courses* being in perfect condition but also on the facilities in the clubhouse and locker-room being lavish.

The story is much the same at the best clubs in mainland Europe. At Valderrama, on the Costa del Sol, where the Volvo Masters starts today, a share valued at £18,000 must first be purchased. The joining fee is another £5,500 and the annual subscription £800.

Field day as Kent storm into divisional play-offs

Kent reached the divisional rugby play-offs in the Toshiba County Championship when they defeated Eastern Counties 35-3 at Sudbury yesterday. Both teams had 100 per cent records going into the match but *Kent proved far too good* in a one-sided encounter.

Kent's victory was a personal triumph for the stand-off half, John Field, who scored a try, three conversions and three penalties for *19* points.

The visitors dominated the first half and led 15-0 at the interval. Counties' only score *came a minute into the second* half with a penalty from Andy Weeks, but after that Kent resumed the attack and ran in an additional 20 points.

Sussex were left holding the wooden spoon in the London Group B after their heaviest defeat, 45-9, by **Hampshire** for 61 years. The visitors, well short of their full-strength side, did quite well in the first half to hold Hampshire to a 15-3 lead, but the second half was one way traffic.In the last 20 minutes Hampshire added four superb tries.

Durham have had to make three changes in their side for the championship clash with **Cheshire** at Chester on Saturday. John Howe, the Sale second-row forward, had concussion during Tuesday's win over Cumbria and is replaced by Steve Bainbridge, of Gosforth.

Phil de Glanville, who is required for the Combined Students against Australia next Tuesday, is rested and his place in the centre goes to Stuart Harmes. Graeme Spearman comes into the side *for John Stabler, ruled out* because of police duties.

● Bleddyn Taylor, the Swansea wing, is doubtful for Wales B replacement duty in *Saturday's international* against France at Brecon. He is receiving treatment for sore ribs.

● Peter Winterbottom, the British Lions and England flanker, makes his weekend first team debut for Harlequins in a club game at London Irish on Saturday. The former Headingley player moved south on his return from a summer spell in South Africa, but an ankle injury delayed his first appearance.

● Carl Dennehy, Ebbw Vale's former Wales B International No. 8, is quitting the Welsh scene and plans to go back to Italy later this week to play out the season for Brescia.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Council to be cut back

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, is expected to announce a new, streamlined Sports Council later this week. He believes it will be able to respond with more flexibility to changing demands in sport and leisure.

Moynihan asked for the resignation of 23 Sports Council members in the summer. The seven or eight newcomers he will name are expected to include some major sporting figures. They will join seven "survivors", including John Smith, Liverpool FC and the Sports Council's chairman, and the vice chairman, Sebastian Coe. The new-look Council is due to meet for the first time next Monday.

Lured by lire

Rome (Reuter) — Italy's national Olympic committee decided yesterday to reward gold medal-winners from the Seoul Games with 50 million lire (more than £20,000) each, with smaller amounts for silver and bronze medal-winners. Italians won gold medals in six events, and the committee will have to pay out a total of 550 million lire.

Cowdrey: captain again

Kent choice

Chris Cowdrey has been reappointed as Kent captain for next season. It will be Cowdrey's fifth summer leading the Kent side.

Wilander out

Mats Wilander, who was due to return to action after a three-week holiday, was forced to withdraw from the Paris Open when he came down with 'flu yesterday.

Jones's run

Steve Jones, the Newport Harrier and former holder of the marathon world best, will compete in the New York City marathon on November 6.

Drug campaign

Oslo (Reuter) — Norway this week launched a £200,000 advertising campaign to try to stop the growing use of banned drugs, like steroids, in sport. Major newspapers carried full-page advertisements depicting a muscular male body. One said: "Before I began doping, I was addicted to training. Now I'm just an addict. Doping is on the increase and we want to inform people what it can do to you," Sven Erik Sigved, of *the Norwegian Sports Federa*tion, which launched the campaign, said.

Double quest

Steve Patrickson gets on his Rotax for the finale of the British motorcycle road racing season at Donington Park on Sunday hoping to add the 250cc ACU Star championship to the ACU British junior title he has already won, to overhaul Alan Jeffrey, the points leader.

Windsor deal

Polly Peck International, the trading group, has signed a sponsorship contract with the Windsor three-day event (on May 26-28 next year) worth more than £150,000 over the next three years.

Shelford pulled out of Rest of the World side

By Keith Macklin

International authorities usually accept progress reports from an injured player and his club, but the Rugby Football League invited the Wigan front-row forward, Adrian Shelford, to Leeds to be examined by their doctor. He was pronounced unfit to play for the Rest of the World against Great Britain in the Whitbread Trophy challenge *at Headingley on Saturday.*

Shelford's place will be taken by his New Zealand colleague, Peter Brown, who played for Salford in the Lancashire Cup final against Wigan on Sunday and landed two goals in seven attempts.

An early decision on Shelford's injury was made to allow Brown to join the squad training and team talks conducted by the Australian coach, Don Furner, who will today take his squad of Australians, New Zealanders, Frenchmen and Papua New Guineans to Headingley for their open day.

The loss of Shelford and his replacement by Brown, does not seriously weaken the Rest of the World. Despite his goal-kicking failures on Sunday, Brown had an excellent game in the loose for Salford.

Leonard spar stopped

Los Angeles (AP) — Sugar Ray Leonard has been barred from a sparring match in front of 3,000 spectators by a State Athletic Commission inspector, who said the boxer had no licence to fight in California. Leonard is due to meet the WBC light-heavyweight champion, Donny Lalonde, in Las Vegas on November 7.

Leonard had put on his gloves and was about to spar when Inspector Frank Adair stopped the match because Leonard did not have a *California sparring* licence.

Adair cited a commission policy banning fighters with detached retinas from being licensed in California. Leonard sustained a detached retina during a 1981 fight against Thomas Hearns.

"I'm really disturbed because there was a big turnout here, and I wasn't able to do what I came here to do," Leonard said.